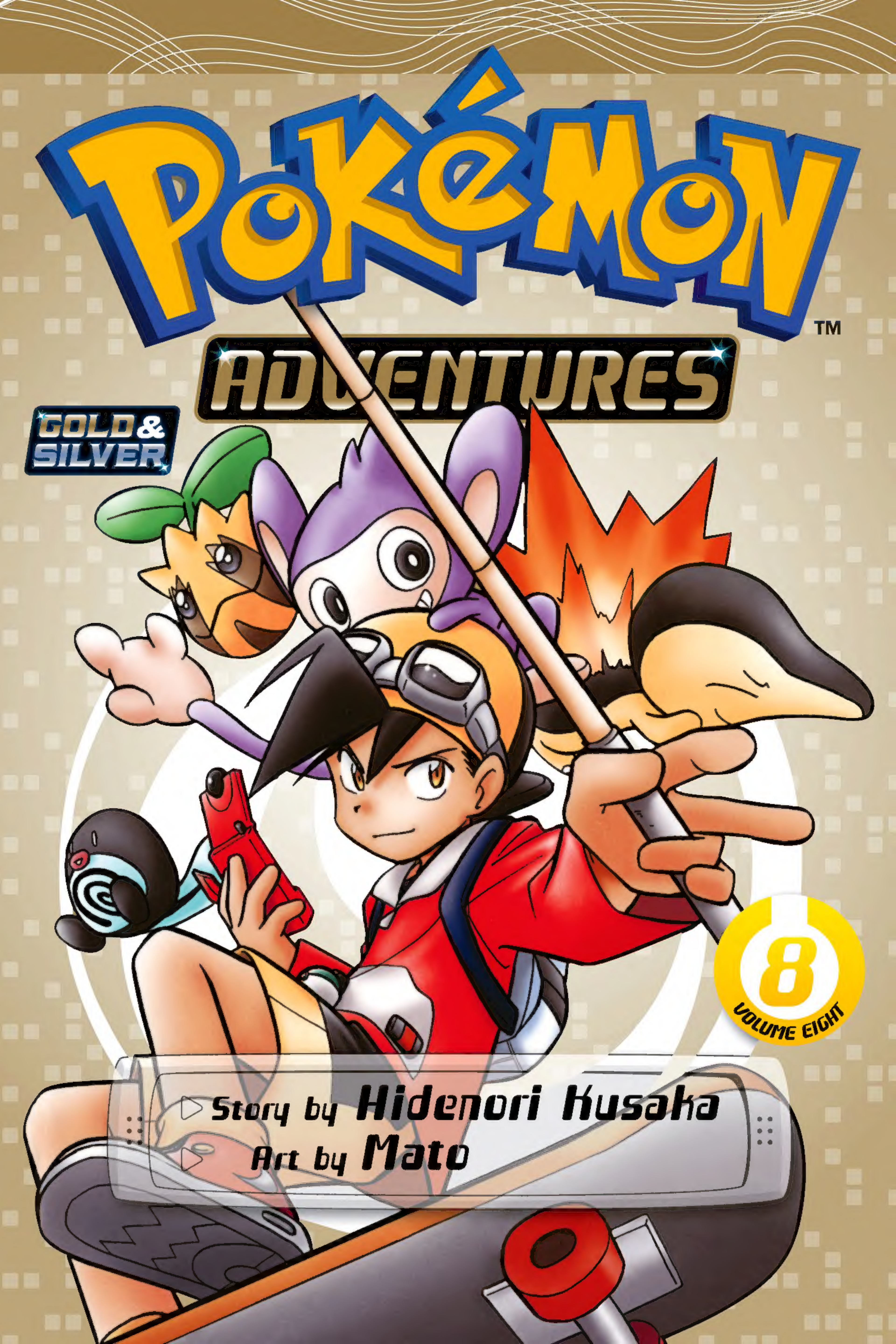

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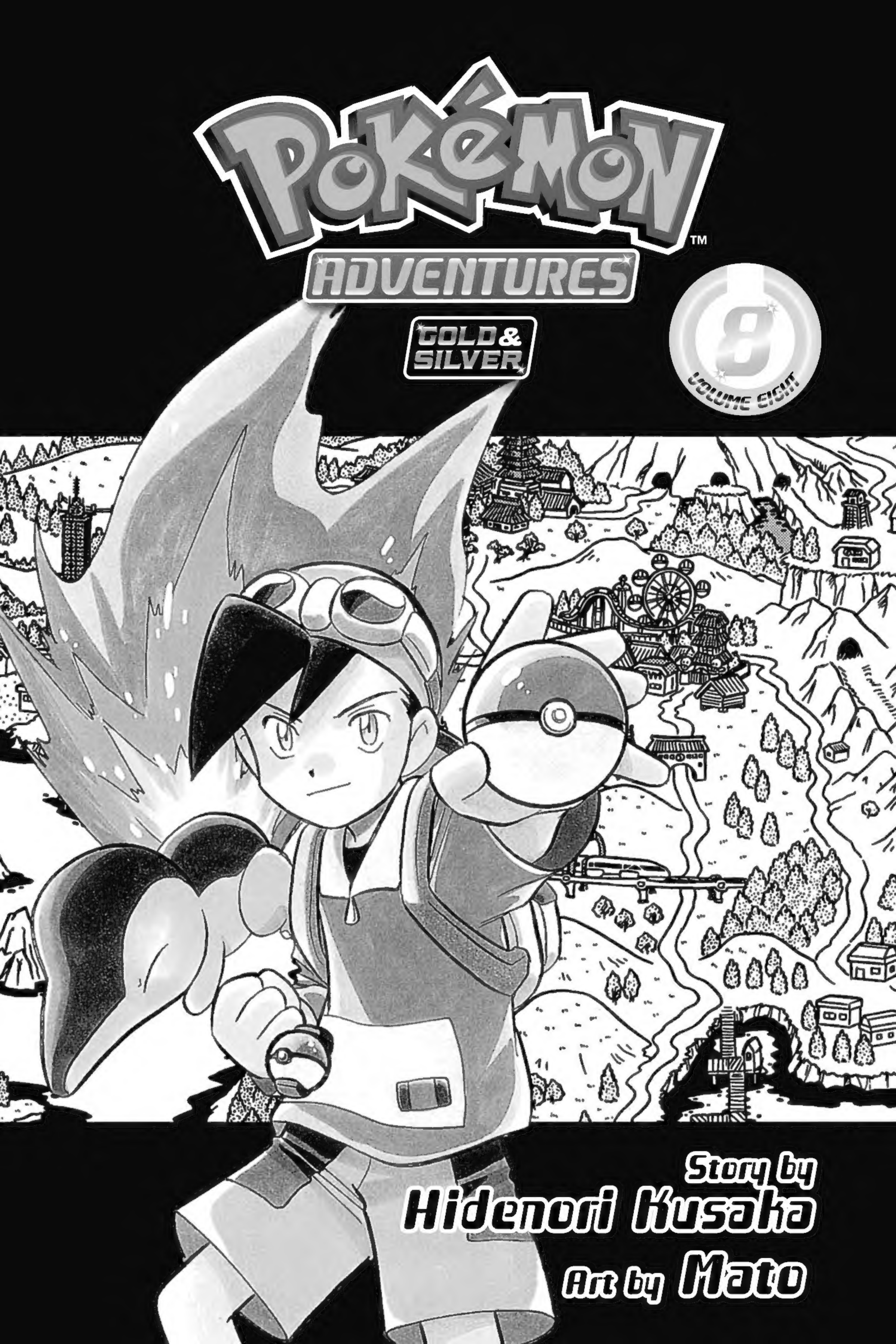
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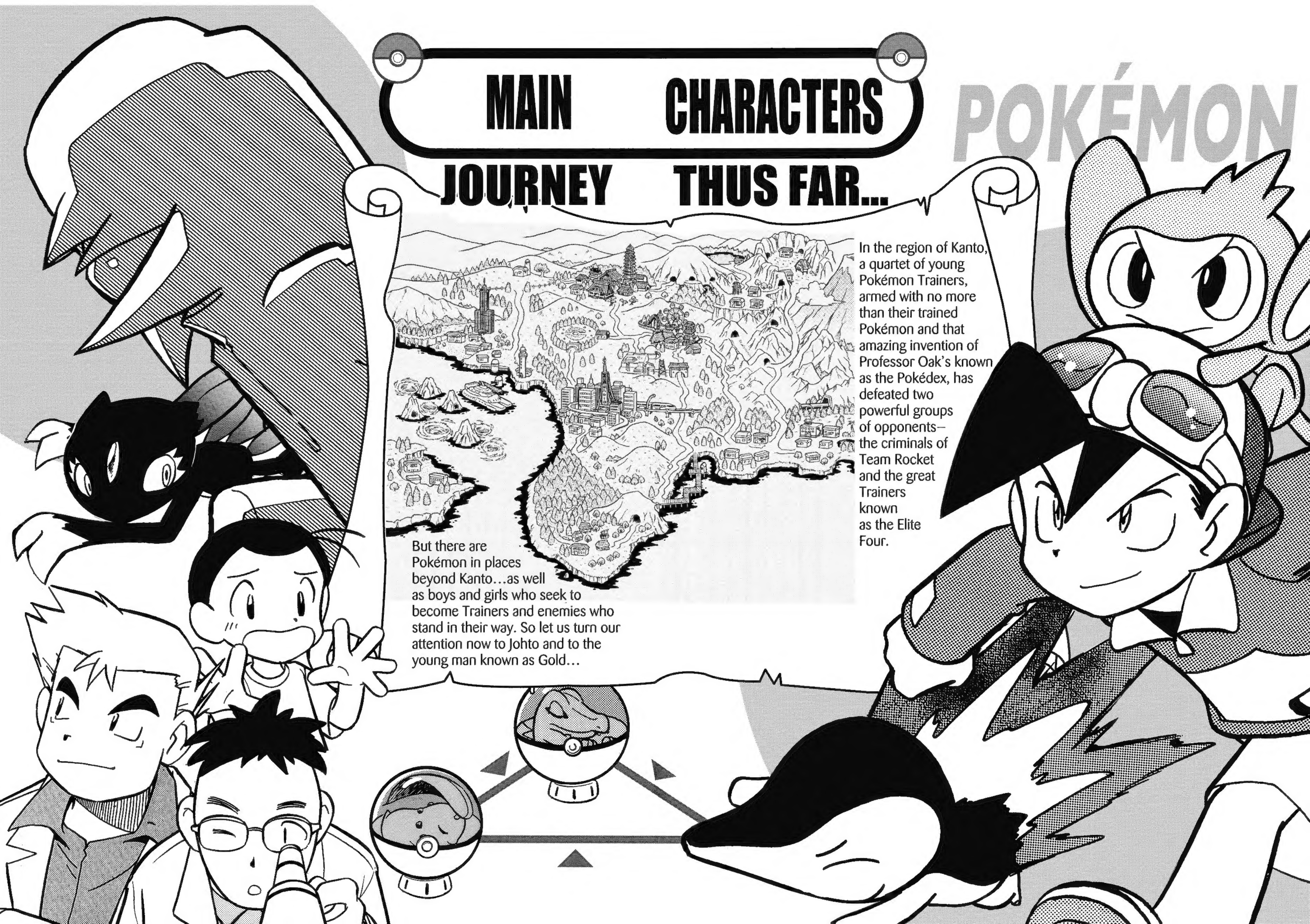
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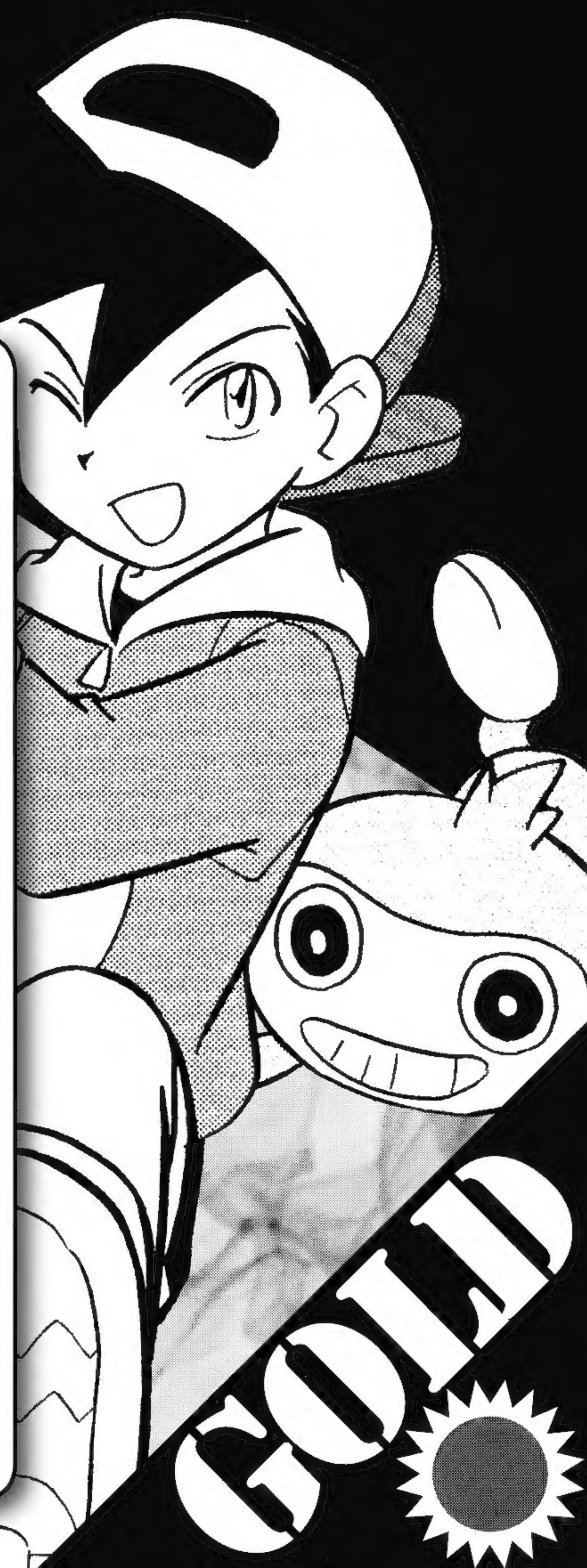
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POKÉMON
MAIN CHARACTERS
JOURNEY THUS FAR...
In the region of Kanto, a quartet of young Pokémon Trainers, armed with no more than their trained Pokémon and that amazing invention of Professor Oak's known as the Pokédex, has defeated two powerful groups of opponents–the criminals of Team Rocket and the great Trainers known as the Elite Four.
But there are Pokémon in places beyond Kanto…as well as boys and girls who seek to become Trainers and enemies who stand in their way. So let us turn our attention now to Johto and to the young man known as Gold…

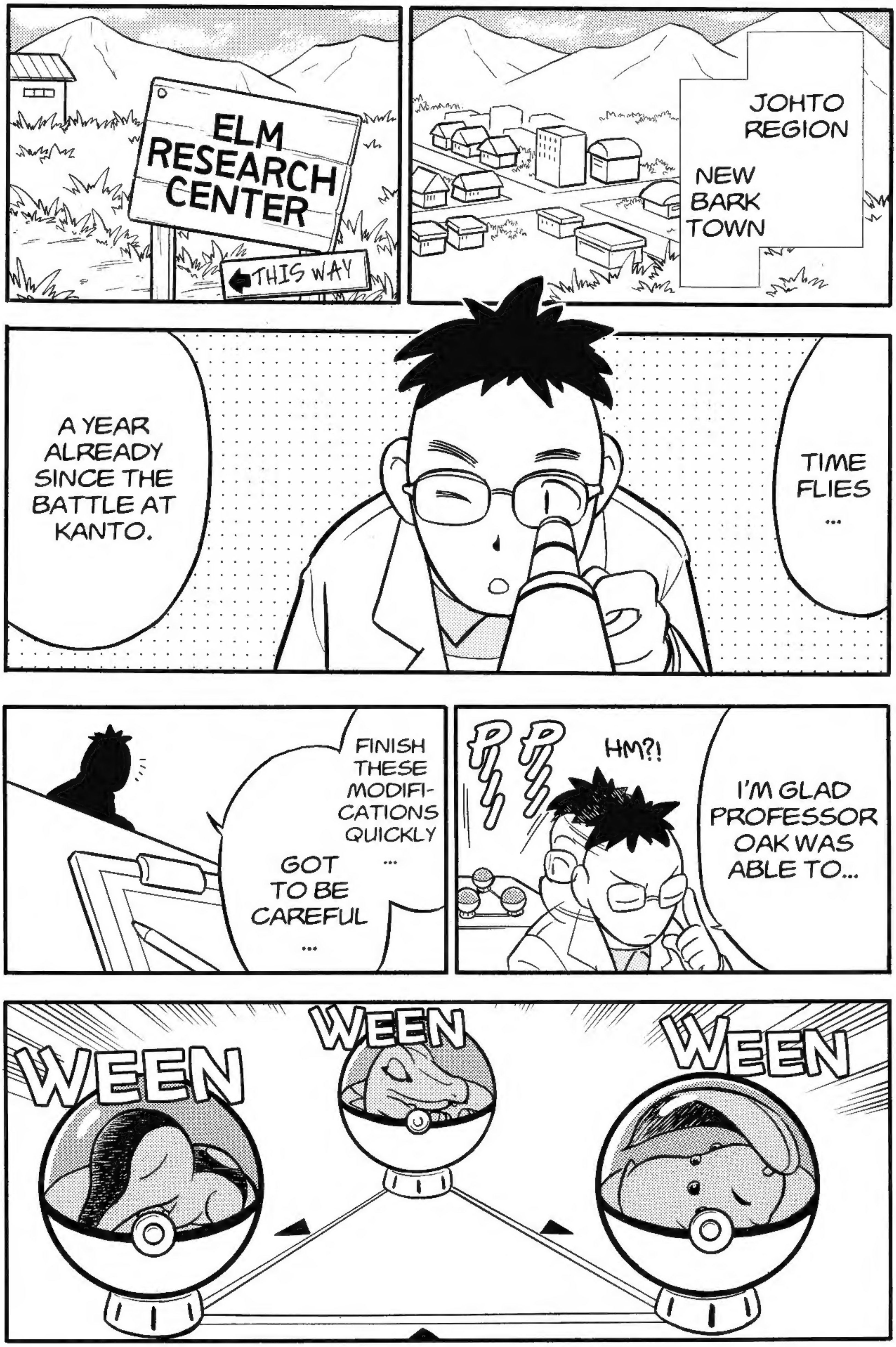
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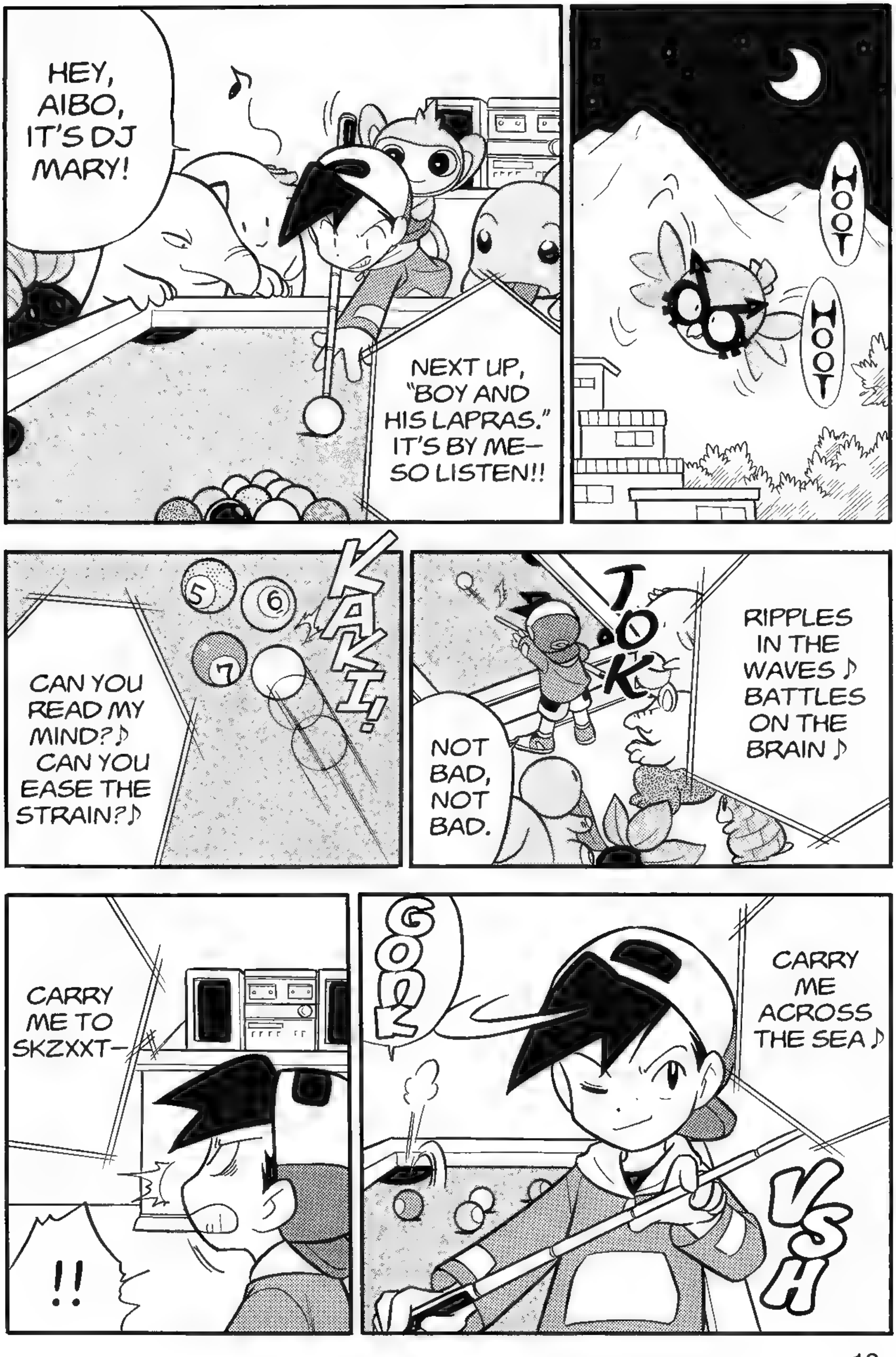

OH... IT'S LATE. AIBO, GO WAKE UP THAT SLEEPYHEAD!
TNK TNK
NOD
TATATA
KREEE...


AHH... AHH...
WSK
ACHOO !!
VOOP
TAP TAP
MMMG
91
Murkrow Row


SLURP
HA!! THAT TICKLES!! THANKS A LOT!!
HUH...? OH! THANKS FOR WAKING ME UP! NOW...
POP
NOM NOM
YOU WASHED YOUR FACE, I SEE.
I SURE DID.
GLEEM
MORN-ING, MOM.
YOUR HAIR EXPLOD-ED AGAIN.
I LIKE IT THIS WAY!
TNK
OKAY!
LET'S GO!!
ZSH



ELM RESEARCH CENTER
THIS WAY
JOHTO REGION
NEW BARK TOWN
A YEAR ALREADY SINCE THE BATTLE AT KANTO.
TIME FLIES ...
FINISH THESE MODIFICATIONS QUICKLY ...
GOT TO BE CAREFUL ...
P P
HM?!
I'M GLAD PROFESSOR OAK WAS ABLE TO...
WEEN
WEEN
WEEN


HEY, AIBO, IT'S DJ MARY!
♪
NEXT UP, "BOY AND HIS LAPRAS." IT'S BY ME— SO LISTEN!!
HOOT
HOOT
KAKI!
CAN YOU READ MY MIND?♪ CAN YOU EASE THE STRAIN?♪
TOK
RIPPLES IN THE WAVES♪ BATTLES ON THE BRAIN♪
NOT BAD, NOT BAD.
CARRY ME TO SKZXXT—
!!
GOOL
CARRY ME ACROSS THE SEA♪
VSH


HUH?! THERE'S ...
I BETTER CHECK THE OUT-SIDE ANTEN ...
HEY HEY HEY HEY!! WHAT'S UP WITH MY RADIO?!
SOMEBODY SNEAKING INTO OUR YARD!
DUDE !!
USH
YOU GET UP THERE AND FIX THE ANTENNA YOU BROKE, OR...!
...!!


ASIDE FROM SNEAKING INTO MY YARD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
AIBO-SCRATCH!!
W-WAIT! MY NAME'S JOEY! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
ZZZ KKK
GYAAA!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! LOOK UP THERE!!
A MURKROW! I WAS DELIVERING A PIECE OF LUGGAGE... AND THAT MURKROW JUST STOLE IT!
THAT'S ...


WOMP
HEH
OH, YEAH. THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
WHEW! THEN YOU BELIEVE ME?!
IT MUST'VE TAKEN MY ANTENNA TOO.
NOT LIKE I CAN'T CLIMB UP THERE... BUT IT'S KIND OF A PAIN. HOW HEAVY'S YOUR BAG?
HUH?! UH... I DUNNO... KINDA HEAVY?
TOK
WSH
IN THAT CASE, WE'LL GO THIS ROUTE.
VIIIIIN

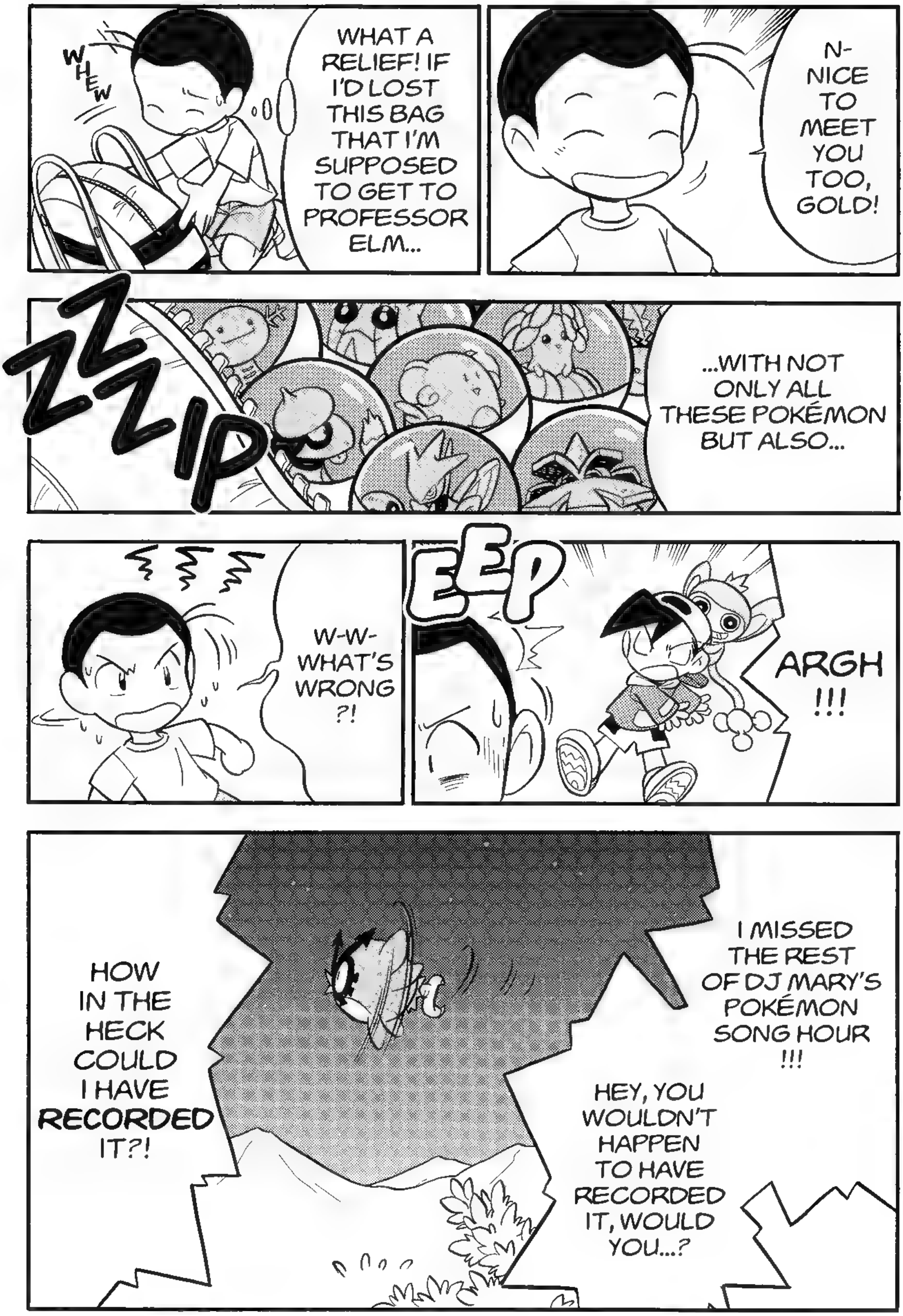

THAT... WAS AN AWE-SOME SHOT...
BUT WHAT'S THE POINT ?!
WAP
BOOM
NOW GET MY ANTENNA! AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS GUY'S BAG TOO.
Might as well...


FWAAAA
HURRY !!
?!
TNG
WHOOP!
HE CAUGHT THE MURKROW, BUT NOW...
HE'S FALLING !!
BOOM
VISH


PONG
I CAN'T WATCH !!
ZOOM
C'MON, GUYS! DON'T WORRY! I'M FINE! C'MON!!
AIBO'S AN AIPOM. ITS TAIL IS HANDIER THAN ITS HANDS... SO TO SPEAK!



OUR NEIGHBORS CALL THIS THE POKÉ HOUSE.
WE'VE HAD 'EM ALL SINCE I WAS BORN. THEY'RE LIKE MY FAMILY.
ARE THESE ALL... YOUR POKÉMON? YOU HAVE A LOT...
MY NAME'S GOLD. GOOD TO MEET YOU, JOEY. OH, AND GLAD YOU GOT YOUR BAG BACK!
TMM


WHEW
WHAT A RELIEF! IF I'D LOST THIS BAG THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO GET TO PROFESSOR ELM...
N-NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, GOLD!
ZZZIP
...WITH NOT ONLY ALL THESE POKÉMON BUT ALSO...
W-W-WHAT'S WRONG ?!
EEP
ARGH !!!
I MISSED THE REST OF DJ MARY'S POKÉMON SONG HOUR !!!
HEY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE RECORDED IT, WOULD YOU...?
HOW IN THE HECK COULD I HAVE **RECORDED** IT?!


LET'S GO, JOEY!!
MOM! ME AND JOEY ARE HEADING OUT FOR A WHILE!!
HANG ON A SECOND!
THANKS FOR GOING WITH HIM, JOEY.
NO NO NO! THANK **YOU** FOR LETTING ME STAY OVER LAST NIGHT.
JOEY, C'MON!!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU DRESSED SO EARLY! YOU SHOULD HAVE PEOPLE OVER MORE OFTEN!

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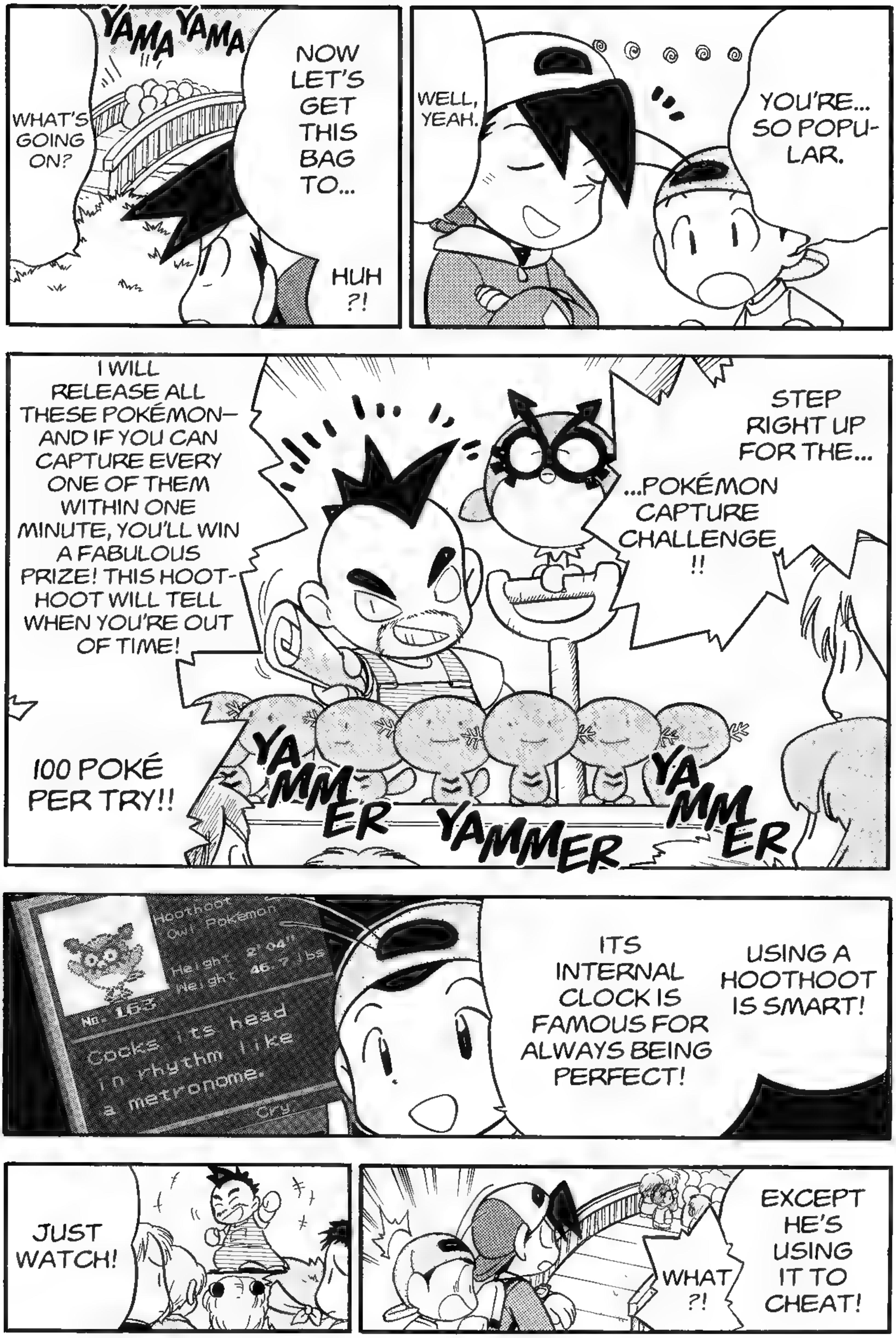



OUR LOCAL POKÉMON EXPERT? SURE I DO. NEVER MET HIM, THOUGH.
GET THIS...
THEN I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF THE PERSON WHO ASKED ME TO DELIVER IT TO PROFESSOR ELM.
THE GREAT PRO-FESSOR OAK HIMSELF!!
WHAT?!! PROFESSOR OAK?!
HE'S STUNNED... OF COURSE! EVERY POKÉMON TRAINER IN THE WORLD HAS GROWN UP WITH THE LEGEND OF PROFESSOR OAK!
BRR BRR
BUT HE'S... HE'S THE GUY...
WHUMP
...WHO HELPS OUT DJ MARY WITH HER RADIO SHOW!
HE'S A LOT MORE THAN THAT, YOU KNOW!!



WELCOME TO THE POKÉMON HOUR. I'M PROFESSOR OAK, AND I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE TO THE SECRETS OF POKÉMON!
AND I'M HIS ASSIS-TANT, DJ MARY!!
HECK, NOBODY LISTENS TO THAT OLD GUY! BUT THAT VOICE OF MARY'S... *SIGH*
ARE YOU GOING BACK TO OAK'S PLACE AFTER YOU DELIVER THE BAG?
YEAH. THE PROFESSOR'S DOING RESEARCH IN CHERRY-GROVE CITY, SO I'LL BE GOING...
HEY!! I GOT IT!!
YOU GOT WHAT?
AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!!
WHAT?!!
AS A POKÉMON TRAINER, I FEEL I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MEET THE GREAT PROFESSOR AT LEAST ONCE!
SURE. AND TO TRY TO SCAM YOUR WAY TO A DJ MARY AUTOGRAPH.


IS HE FOR REAL?
C'MON, MAN! WHAT'S UP?
TM TM TM TM
DOWN-TOWN NEW BARK TOWN
YO!
OH!
HEY !!
LONG TIME NO SEE, POKÉ BOY!!
HOW YOU BEEN ?!
IT'S GOLD, FROM THE POKÉ HOUSE!
MORNING, GOLD!
HEY!
HOWDY!



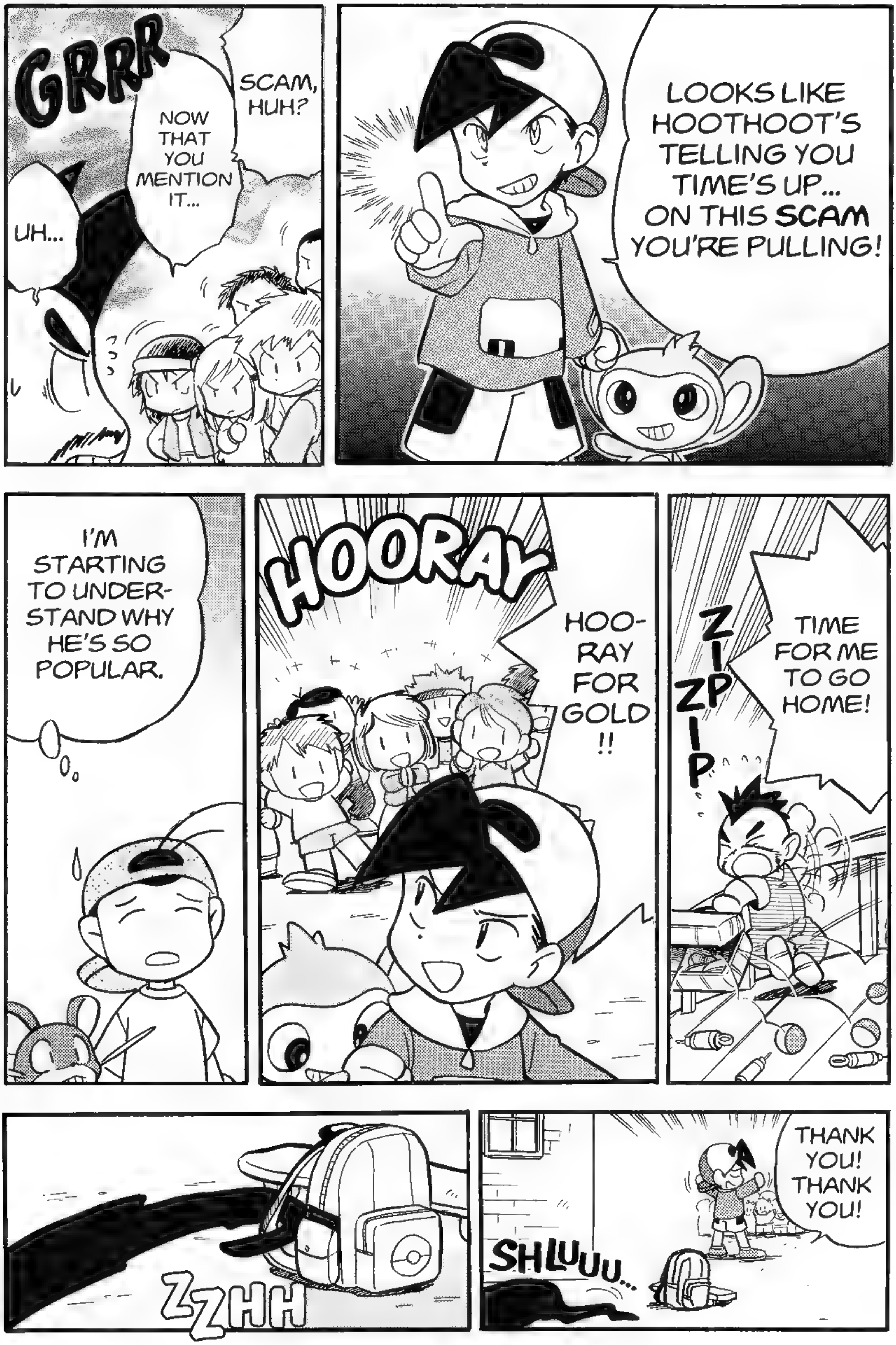
YAMA YAMA
NOW LET'S GET THIS BAG TO...
HUH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE... SO POPULAR.
WELL, YEAH.
STEP RIGHT UP FOR THE...
...POKÉMON CAPTURE CHALLENGE!!
I WILL RELEASE ALL THESE POKÉMON—AND IF YOU CAN CAPTURE EVERY ONE OF THEM WITHIN ONE MINUTE, YOU'LL WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE! THIS HOOTHOOT WILL TELL WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF TIME!
100 POKÉ PER TRY!!
YAMMER YAMMER YAMMER
Hoothoot
Owl Pokémon
Height 2'04"
Weight 46.7 lbs
No. 163
Cocks its head in rhythm like a metronome.
Cry
USING A HOOTHOOT IS SMART!
ITS INTERNAL CLOCK IS FAMOUS FOR ALWAYS BEING PERFECT!
JUST WATCH!
EXCEPT HE'S USING IT TO CHEAT!
WHAT?!

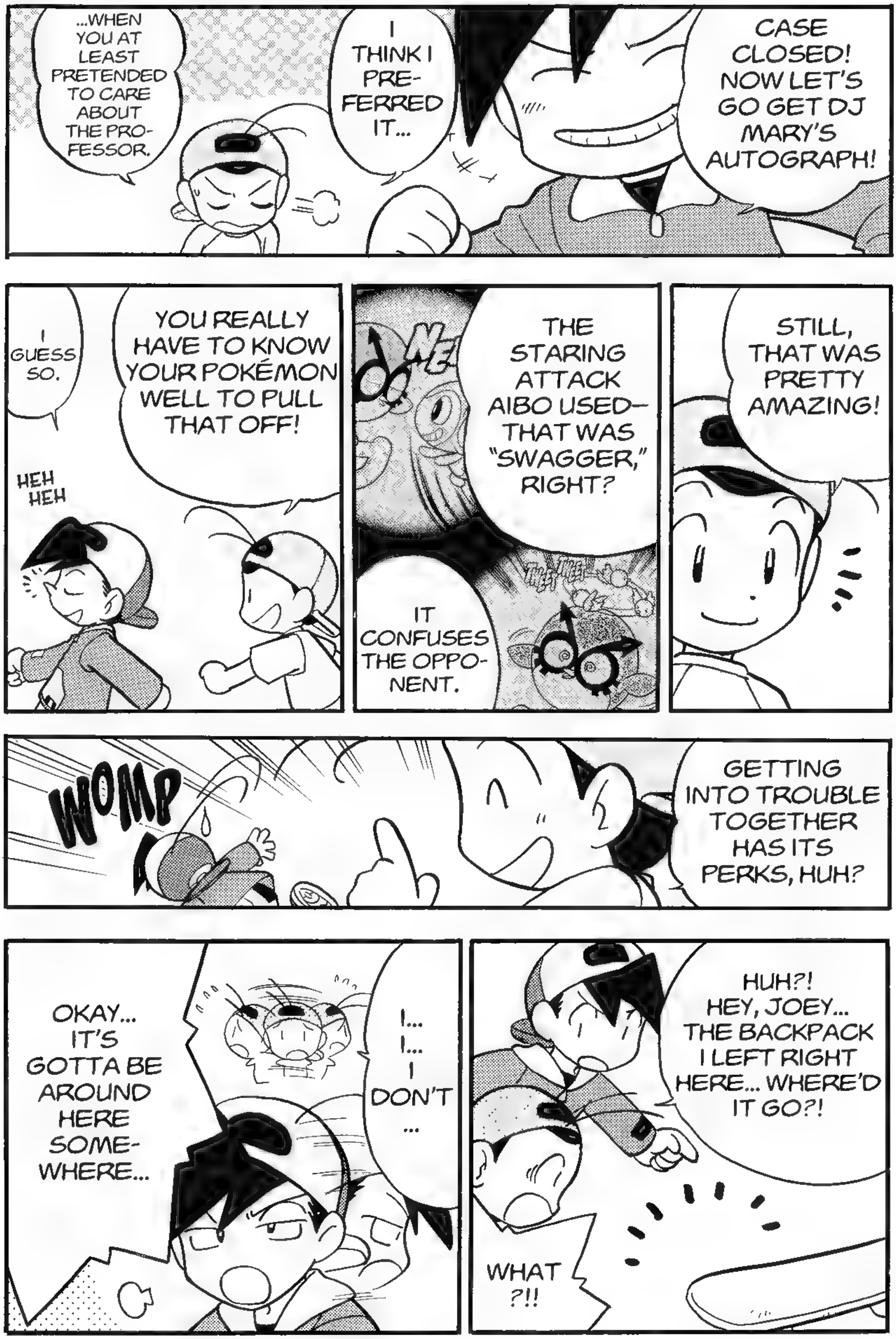

TKTKTK DINNG
SORRY! MINUTE'S UP!
HOOOOOT♪
NEXT!
VVIP
HEY! STOP!
...SINCE I TRAINED MY HOOTHOOT TO HOOT WHENEVER SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO WIN!
THIS IS JUST TOO EASY...
OOOOO
I ALMOST HAD IT...
GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
...
HEY, IT'S YOUR MONEY, KID. HEH HEH HEH.
MISTER, MISTER, CAN I TRY?!
I'M GOING TO CLEAN THAT GUY'S CLOCK!
WATCH MY BACK-PACK, JOEY!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I HOPE I CAN DO IT! I'M NOT SO GOOD WITH POKÉ-MON!


EEE...
?
NEEE
NOD
OKAY, AIBO...
WOK
VSH
START !!
FWAP
GET 'EM—!!
COME ON, GOLD!!



THIS KID'S PRETTY GOOD...
HMM ...
BON
BON
TIME FOR A LITTLE PREMATURE HOOTING!
OKAY, HOOT-HOOT!
H-HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!!
FWAP
FWAP
TWEET TWEET
DUHH
UHH
?!
HEH

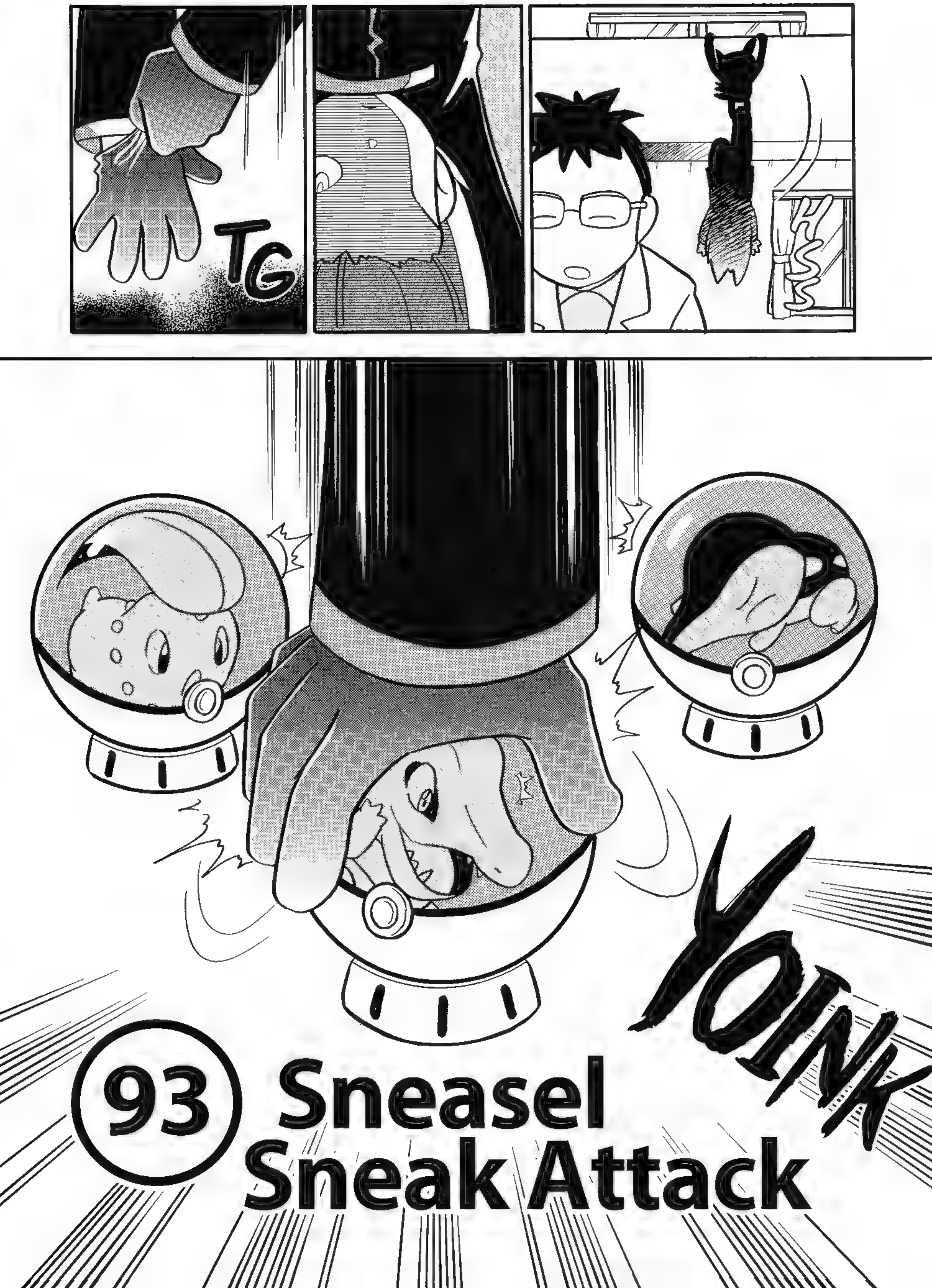

GRRR
SCAM, HUH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
UH...
LOOKS LIKE HOOTHOOT'S TELLING YOU TIME'S UP... ON THIS SCAM YOU'RE PULLING!
I'M STARTING TO UNDER-STAND WHY HE'S SO POPULAR.
HOORAY
HOO-RAY FOR GOLD !!
ZIP ZIP
TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME!
ZZHH
SHLUUU...
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!


CASE CLOSED! NOW LET'S GO GET DJ MARY'S AUTOGRAPH!
I THINK I PRE-FERRED IT...
...WHEN YOU AT LEAST PRETENDED TO CARE ABOUT THE PRO-FESSOR.
STILL, THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING!
THE STARING ATTACK AIBO USED— THAT WAS "SWAGGER," RIGHT?
IT CONFUSES THE OPPO-NENT.
YOU REALLY HAVE TO KNOW YOUR POKÉMON WELL TO PULL THAT OFF!
I GUESS SO.
HEH HEH
GETTING INTO TROUBLE TOGETHER HAS ITS PERKS, HUH?
WOMP
HUH?! HEY, JOEY... THE BACKPACK I LEFT RIGHT HERE... WHERE'D IT GO?!
WHAT ?!!
I... I... I DON'T ...
OKAY... IT'S GOTTA BE AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE...

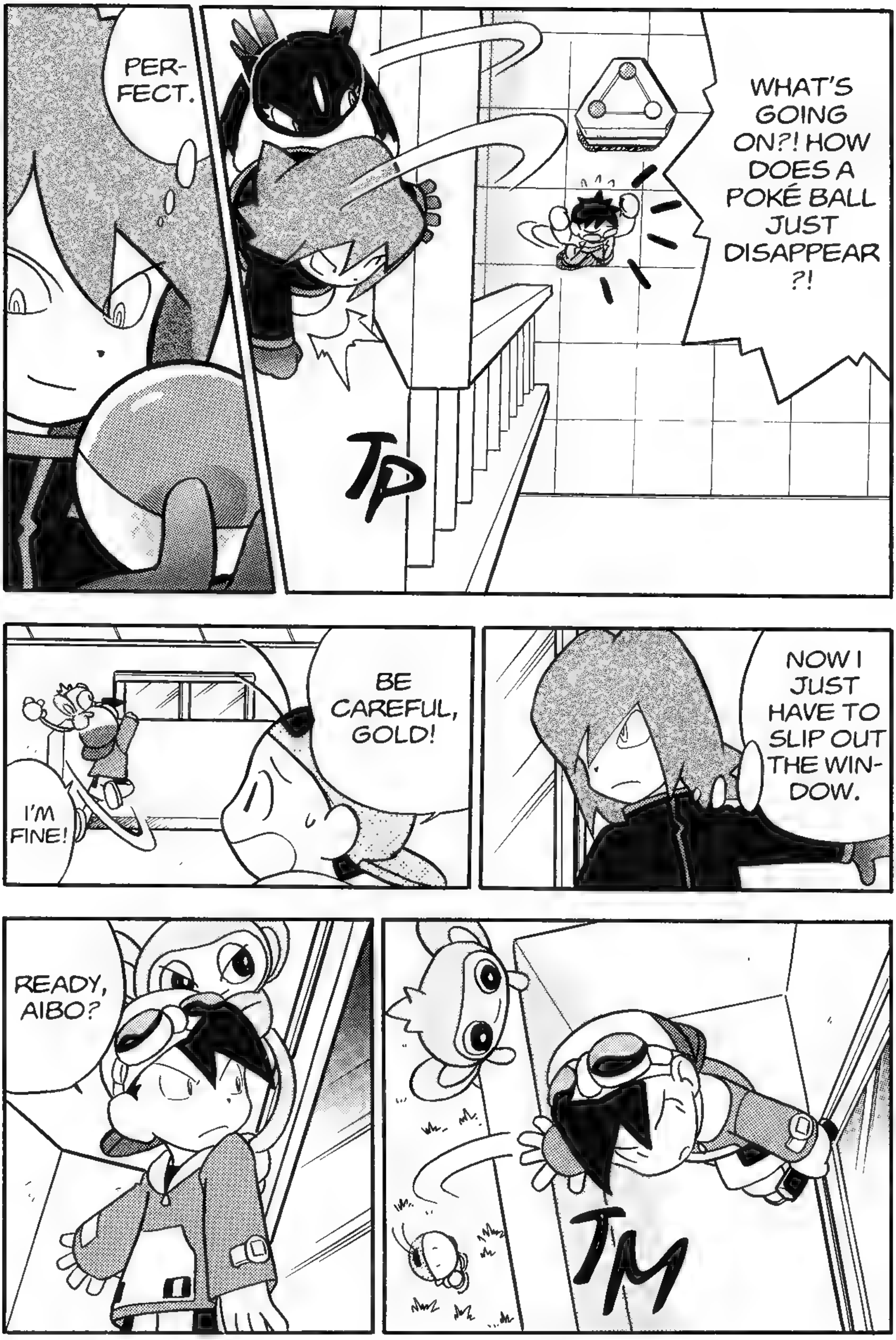

OH GEEZ... W-WAIT A MINUTE!
GOLD! YOUR BACKPACK WAS FULL OF POKÉMON IN POKÉ BALLS, RIGHT?!
JUST LIKE MY BAG!
BUT THERE ARE ALSO RESEARCH DOCUMENTS FROM PROFESSOR OAK IN THERE! VALUABLE DOCUMENTS!
SO MAYBE SOMEONE TRYING TO STEAL MY BAG TOOK YOURS BY MISTAKE!
WHO'D STEAL A BUNCH OF POKÉMON THEY DIDN'T KNOW?
THEN YOU MEAN...
...MY POKÉMON WERE STOLEN?
ALL OF THEM...


AND WHEN THE CROOK CATCHES ON TO HIS MISTAKE, WHERE DOES HE GO THEN?
TAK
TO PROFESSOR ELM'S PLACE!
WSH
...
GOLD ...?
I WON'T REST UNTIL I'VE BROUGHT THEM ALL BACK.
CHK
THOSE POKÉMON HAVE BEEN MY FRIENDS SINCE I WAS BORN.
ZSH
I'M COMING, GANG!
SLAM
JOEY, IS THAT YOU?!
?!
NEW BARK TOWN
EASTERN OUTSKIRTS


I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD THE DOOR OPEN...
JOEY ...?
Huh?
KREEE
THAT WAS QUICK! WHAT DID PRO-FESSOR OAK SAY?
OH WELL...
SLAM


TG
HSS
YOINK
93 Sneasel Sneak Attack


T-TOTODILE'S POKÉ BALL... IT'S GONE?!
WHAT?!
WSSH
SO THIS IS WHERE ELM DOES HIS STUFF, HUH?
YEAH! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY AND TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR STOLEN...
HANG ON, JOEY.
HF HF
ELM RESEARCH CENT
THE THIEF MUST KNOW WE'RE COMING. WOULDN'T BE HARD TO SET UP A TRAP.
WE'RE GOING IN THE SECOND FLOOR WIN-DOW.


PER-FECT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?! HOW DOES A POKÉ BALL JUST DISAPPEAR?!
TP
BE CAREFUL, GOLD!
I'M FINE!
NOW I JUST HAVE TO SLIP OUT THE WIN-DOW.
READY, AIBO?
TM

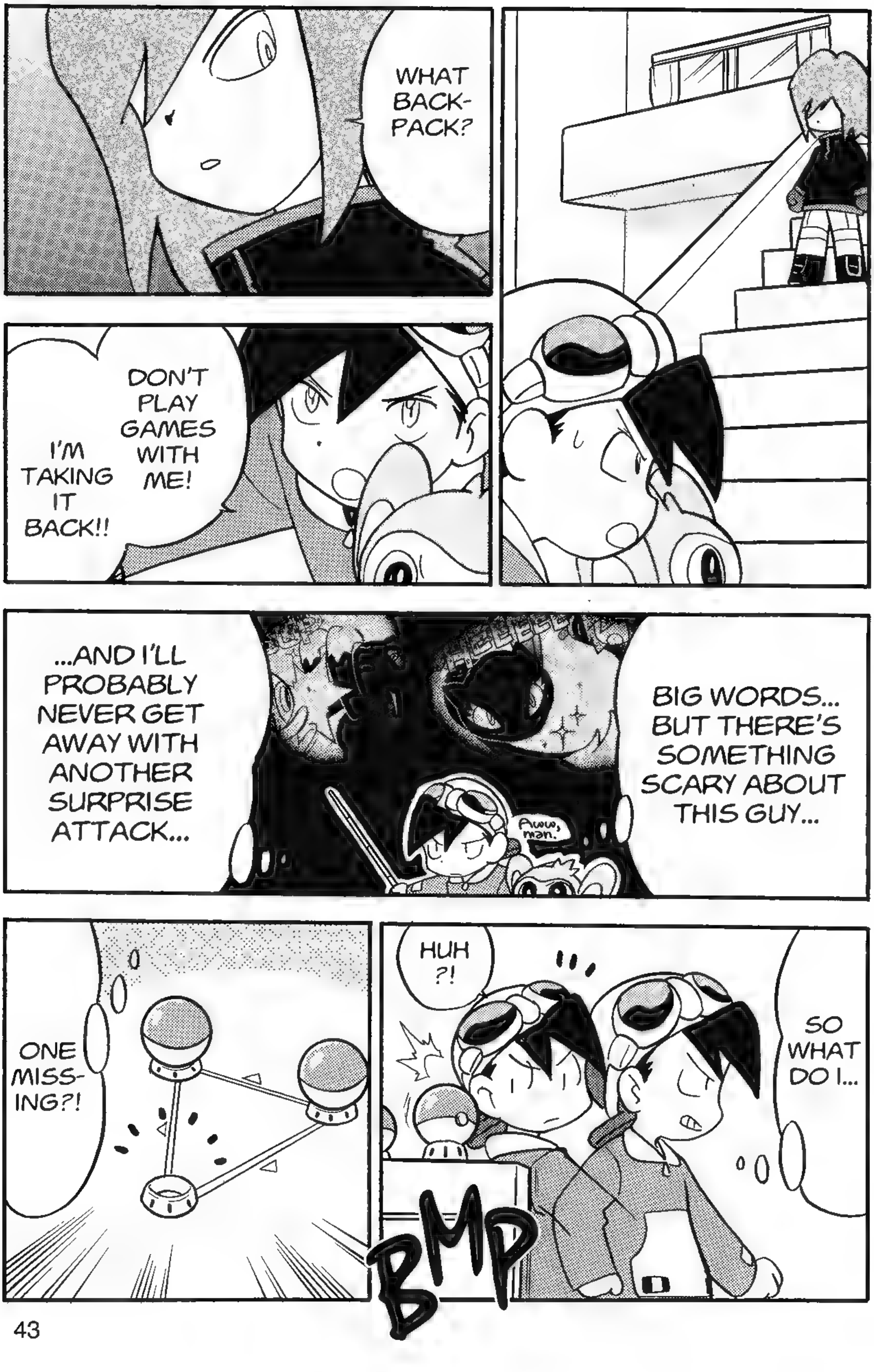

TOOM
!
HUH ...?
HEY, YOU !!
DOING


DID NOT !!
YOU STOLE MY TOTO-DILE!!
WHO ...?
WATCH OUT!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE–
TP
SHEEEEE
ICY WIND.


SHLOO
NO NO NO NO NO—
SH SH SH SH SH SH SH
WHA ?!
TING!
PROFESSOR ELM!! ARE YOU OKAY ?!!
DUHHHH
GONK
JOEY !!
OOPH
WHAM
SHLOO
BAM
GOLD, WHERE ARE YOU?!!


AIBO! SCRATCH !!
LET'S GET 'EM!!
BUP
SNEASEL, PROTECT!
TA
FFFT
BON


!
SHHHHH
TAK
IF WE CAN'T TAKE 'EM FROM THE FRONT—
WHAP
GIVE ME MY BACK-PACK!!
BOOM
—COME FROM BEHIND !!


WHAT BACK-PACK?
DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME!
I'M TAKING IT BACK!!
BIG WORDS... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SCARY ABOUT THIS GUY...
...AND I'LL PROBABLY NEVER GET AWAY WITH ANOTHER SURPRISE ATTACK...
Aww, man.
ONE MISS-ING?!
SO WHAT DO I...
BMP
HUH ?!


!
YOU'RE A KIDNAPPER TOO, EH?
SO YOU DON'T JUST SNATCH BACKPACKS.
IT'S ANGRY ...
...OF COURSE!
KATAKA
TAKATAKA
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS TAKEN.


LOOKS LIKE WE BOTH WANT SOME-THING...
...THAT THIS CREEP STOLE.
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO COMBINING FORCES?
NOD
O-KAY !!
BOOM
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU ARE...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU ?!
YOUR BACK SIDE'S AS EXPLOSIVE AS MY HAIR...
HOW ABOUT IF I CALL YOU... EXBO? YEAH? OKAY...
YEOW !!
WEIRD.
POOM!


...
SHHH
LET'S DO THIS, EXBO!!
NYAHA HAHA HA!!
AND WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT ALL WE HAD TO DO FOR IT WAS...
...GRAB A BACK-PACK OFF THE GROUND!
ZZHH
HEE HEE HEE!
ALL THE PRECIOUS RESEARCH THAT OAK AND ELM WANTED TO KEEP TO THEM-SELVES, AND NOW IT BELONGS TO...
...TEAM ROCKET!
NOW OPEN IT, AND LET'S...
?!
WHAT... WHAT ...?!
ZZZIP


IT CAN'T BE THE WRONG BAG!!
THESE AREN'T THE POKÉMON THEY SAID WE'D FIND!!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT THIS BAG?
JUST THROW IT AWAY !!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT KID AGAIN !!
BUT IT IS! WE MESSED UP!
ROLOLO
WHMP
SPLSH


DMDM
GIVE ME MY BACKPACK !!
94
Elekid Incorporated
...
OKAY THEN—
AIBO !!
VSH
HUH ?!
VMM
HE'S TOO QUICK!
TP
GET BACK HERE!
WHOO
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY...


SHP
SHP
SHP
HEY!
EXBO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ATTACKS YOU CAN DO...
...BUT THAT FLAME ON YOUR BACK'S A WEAPON, RIGHT?
NOD
WELL, IF THERE'S EVER A TIME TO USE IT...
ZOOOSH
...NOW!
SSSZZZZ
USE IT...


OKAY !!
SHHH
!!
SSSSS
THAT HURTS ...
TUP
NH!!
THP
TOO LATE.
SNEASEL... YOU'VE GOT TO...
HFF... HFF...
FPP
TUG


HOOOSSH
?!
HEH HEH HEH.
TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU.
I GOT TIRED OF CHASING YOU AROUND, SO I DECIDED TO CONTAIN YOU...
...WITHIN A RING OF FIRE.
HEY !!!
VP
JUST GIMME MY BACK-PACK...
AND GIVE TOTODILE BACK TO EXBO! RIGHT NOW!
...SSSS
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO BACK THERE?! NO TRICKS!!


ZAP
BZT
BZT
MUHA-HAAA! SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR FIGHT!
VVMMM


AND WHO ARE YOU?!
SHP
OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED THAT! WE ARE TEAM ROCKET!!
AND WE'RE LAUNCHING OUR COMEBACK!
YOUR FRIEND MENTIONED A BACKPACK.
THAT ANSWERS ONE OF OUR QUESTIONS.
WE'RE AFTER A BAG CONTAINING SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
OAK
ELM
RESEARCH
WE WEREN'T COUNTING ON OUR TARGET LINKING UP WITH ANOTHER KID WITH A BAG.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S BEEN SAYING...
AND NOW, SINCE WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY...
LET'S GO TAKE ELM'S POKÉMON TOO!
THOSE ARE THE SPECIAL ONES HE'S BEEN STUDYING...
CHIKORITA, CYNDAQUIL AND TOTODILE!!


TOUGH LUCK. I'VE ALREADY GOT TOTODILE. AND CYNDAQUIL ...
...IS THE ONE YOU JUST TOOK DOWN.
VSH
ZZZT
W... WHAT?!!
THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE **YOU** DOWN TOO!!
WEEN
THAT'S ELEKID.
NOT TOO GOOD AGAINST THAT TYPE, BUT...
WEEN
BOOM
TOTO-DILE!!
NYAHAHAHA!! YOU'RE GOING TO USE A POKÉMON YOU JUST STOLE?!
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YOU IF THEY'RE NOT USED TO YOU!!


SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER WHEN THEY'RE **NOT** USED TO ME.
BOP BOP BOP BOP BOP
TOTODILE-FRUSTRATION !!
GAAAAH!!
EH?!
VSH
IMPOSSIBLE!!
VSH
THE... POKÉ B-BALLS! STOP THE...
HSSSS
GULP
UH...


ZZZASH
FAINT ATTACK !!
THE LESS FAMILIAR THE POKÉMON IS WITH THE USER... THE MORE EFFECTIVE THE ATTACK IS!
I TAUGHT IT THE ATTACK RIGHT AFTER I TOOK IT.
DM!!
ELEKID !!
H-HE'S JUST... TOO STRONG...
WE'LL BE BACK !!
VOOM!


NN... UHH...
AWAKE AT LAST, ARE YOU?
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
OWWW ...
BLINK
THE POLICE. DID YOU SET FIRE TO THIS LAWN?
SPT SPT SPT SPT
P-POLICE?!! WHAT?! WHAT?!
I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME SO I CAN TAKE YOUR STATEMENT. IF YOU RESIST, I'LL HAVE TO ARREST YOU.
BUT... BUT THERE WAS THIS THIEF! AND I WAS... I WAS...

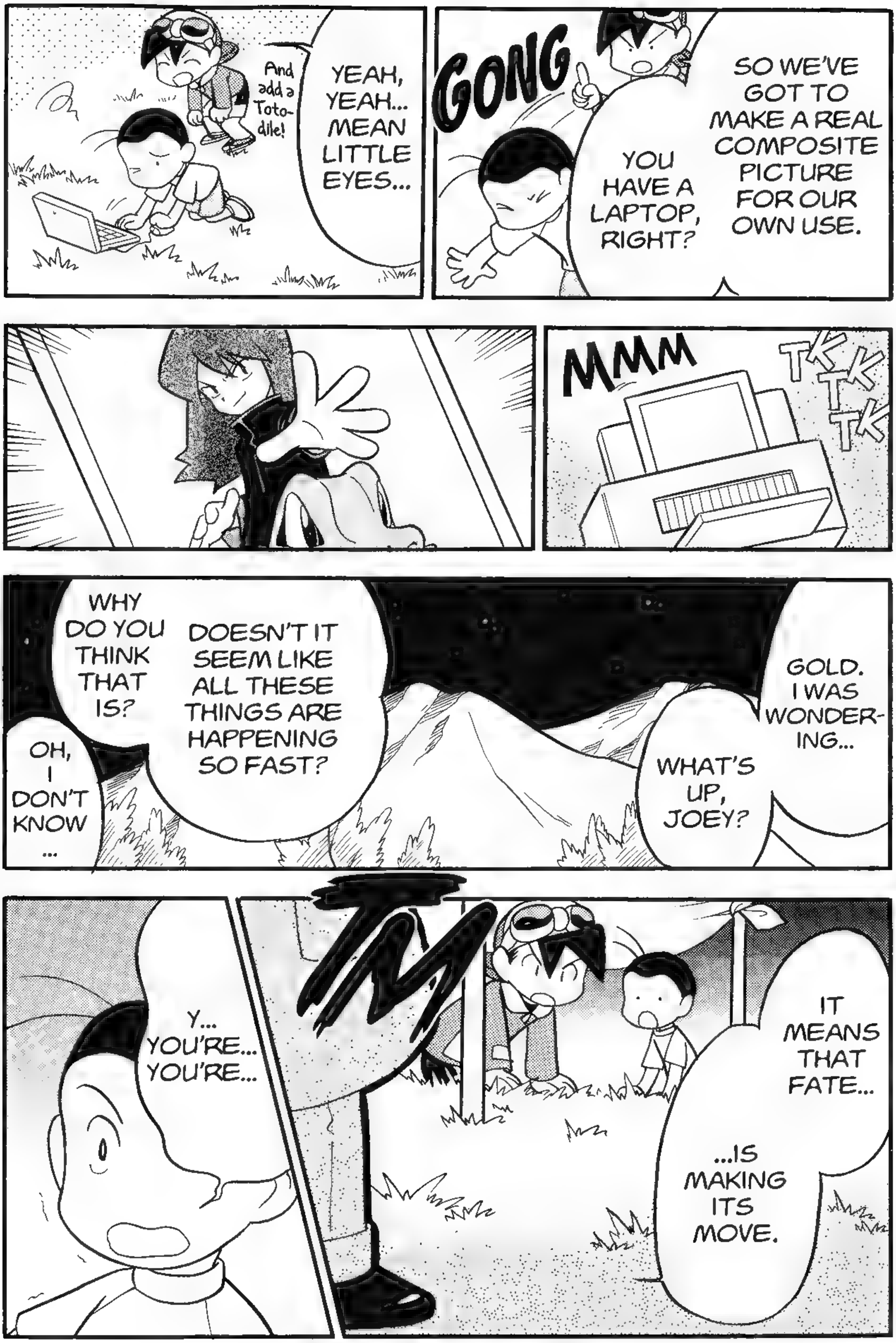


STATE-MENT?! ARREST?!!
He's my friend.
Uh-huh.
TELL HIM I'M INNO-CENT, JOEY!
J-J-JOEY!
I'M THE VICTIM HERE!
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT! NO! NO!
HE NEVER SAW THE PERPE-TRATOR'S FACE.
ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR ELM, WHO-EVER STOLE TOTODILE ATTACKED HIM FROM BEHIND.
HIS ASSIS-TANT'S THERE WITH HIM NOW.
GOLD... PROFESSOR ELM INJURED HIS HIP AND HAD TO BE HOSPITAL-IZED.
WHICH MEANS...
SO... NO.
I... UM... PASSED OUT AS SOON AS I STEPPED INTO THE RESEARCH CENTER.
HOW ABOUT YOU, JOEY?


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW THE SUSPECT'S FACE.
WILL YOU COOPERATE?
...
UH... SURE.
THE BURNT GLOVE HE TOSSED!
FPP
HM?
ZIP
CHERRYGROVE CITY
OH, I GET IT. THIS IS...
...ONE OF THOSE COMPOSITE DRAWINGS...
TRANSIT
POLICE


ABOUT MY HEIGHT.
BLUE FLEECE TOP, BLACK BOOTS.
LONG RED HAIR ...
COMPOSIT
YAWN
THE FACE IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS, SON.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!!
...
BIG GOGGLY EYES...
AND A FLAT NOSE.
TK TK TK
THICK LIPS AND...
... CHUBBY CHEEKS.
TA-
DAA
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. IT'S LATE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEND THE NIGHT...
ZZZOOOM
THANKS! BUT WE'VE GOT PLACES TO BE!


WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SLEEP THERE?
...
KKZ
KKKKZ
JOEY, THAT COMPOSITE PICTURE ...
...IT'S A FAKE.
He's nothing like that.
WHAT ?!!
I MEAN, NOW THAT THEY'VE GOT THIS PICTURE, I'M SURE THEY'LL CATCH HIM RIGHT AWAY.
What a stupid face!
I CAN'T LEAVE THIS UP TO THE POLICE.
I'M GOING TO CATCH HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS— AND GET MY BAG BACK TOO! RIGHT, EXBO?!


GONG
SO WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A REAL COMPOSITE PICTURE FOR OUR OWN USE.
YOU HAVE A LAPTOP, RIGHT?
YEAH, YEAH... MEAN LITTLE EYES...
And add a Totodile!
MMM
TK TK TK
GOLD. I WAS WONDERING...
WHAT'S UP, JOEY?
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE ALL THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING SO FAST?
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
OH, I DON'T KNOW...
TM
IT MEANS THAT FATE...
...IS MAKING ITS MOVE.
Y... YOU'RE... YOU'RE...


HEY, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, OKAY?
G-GOLD!!
PRO-FESSOR OAK?!!
W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
YOU MAY NOT HAVE A NEED...
BUT I NEED SOME-THING FROM YOU.
I CAME HERE ON A TIP FROM THE POLICE.
THE BOY YOU CONFRONTED. WAS HE CARRYING SOMETHING...
!!
WEEN
WEEN
...LIKE THIS?!!


A DEVICE TO RECORD DATA, ALL POSSIBLE POKÉMON DATA...
MY LATEST POKÉ-DEX!!
B-BUT WHAT IS IT...?
YOU'RE ASKING ME IF THAT GUY HAD ONE OF THOSE?
...
WELL, HE WAS HIDING SOME-THING...
...AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... IT DID LOOK LIKE THAT.


I SEE. THINGS ARE CLEARER NOW.
I ONLY MADE THREE OF THESE.
THREE DAYS AGO, ONE OF THEM DIS-APPEARED!
WHAT?!! THEN THAT MEANS ...
YES.
MY POKÉDEX AND PROFESSOR ELM'S TOTODILE WERE PROBABLY STOLEN...
...BY THE SAME THIEF!
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Stantler by Me


RESEARCH CENTER No. 2
MY SECONDARY RESEARCH CENTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CHERRYGROVE.
THE SAME PLACE WHERE I RECORD MY RADIO SHOW.
YOU'RE SURE IT WAS STOLEN ...?
YES. FROM THE VERY PLACE I GAVE YOU THIS ASSIGNMENT...
UM...
THE PROFESSOR'S REAL HOME IS PALLET TOWN, IN KANTO, BUT HE COMES TO JOHTO FOR VARIOUS REASONS.
AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, DAISY, HOUSESITS...
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW HIS PERSONAL LIFE!!
LISTEN, OLD MAN, THIS POKÉDEX THING... DOES IT HAVE ANY FEATURES ...
...THAT WOULD MAKE IT USEFUL IN BATTLE?!
SURE IT DOES.
IT WILL INSTANTLY REVEAL YOUR OPPONENT'S LEVEL AND TYPES OF ATTACKS.
Status / Normal
Type / Electric
Elekid
/Elekid


IN ANY CASE, I APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING THIS FOR ME.
I'LL GO TO THE POLICE AND...
HOLD ON!!
I KNEW IT!
HE WAS USING IT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT KINDS OF ATTACKS HIS POKÉMON SHOULD USE AGAINST EXBO.
YOU WORK WITH DJ MARY, RIGHT?!
DJ Mary
NOW THERE'S SOMETHING **YOU** HAVE TO CONFIRM FOR ME.
OKAY, OKAY, FORGET DJ MARY... FOR NOW. WHAT I REALLY WANT...
G... GOLD!
GLEEM
...IS THAT POKÉDEX! GIVE IT TO ME!

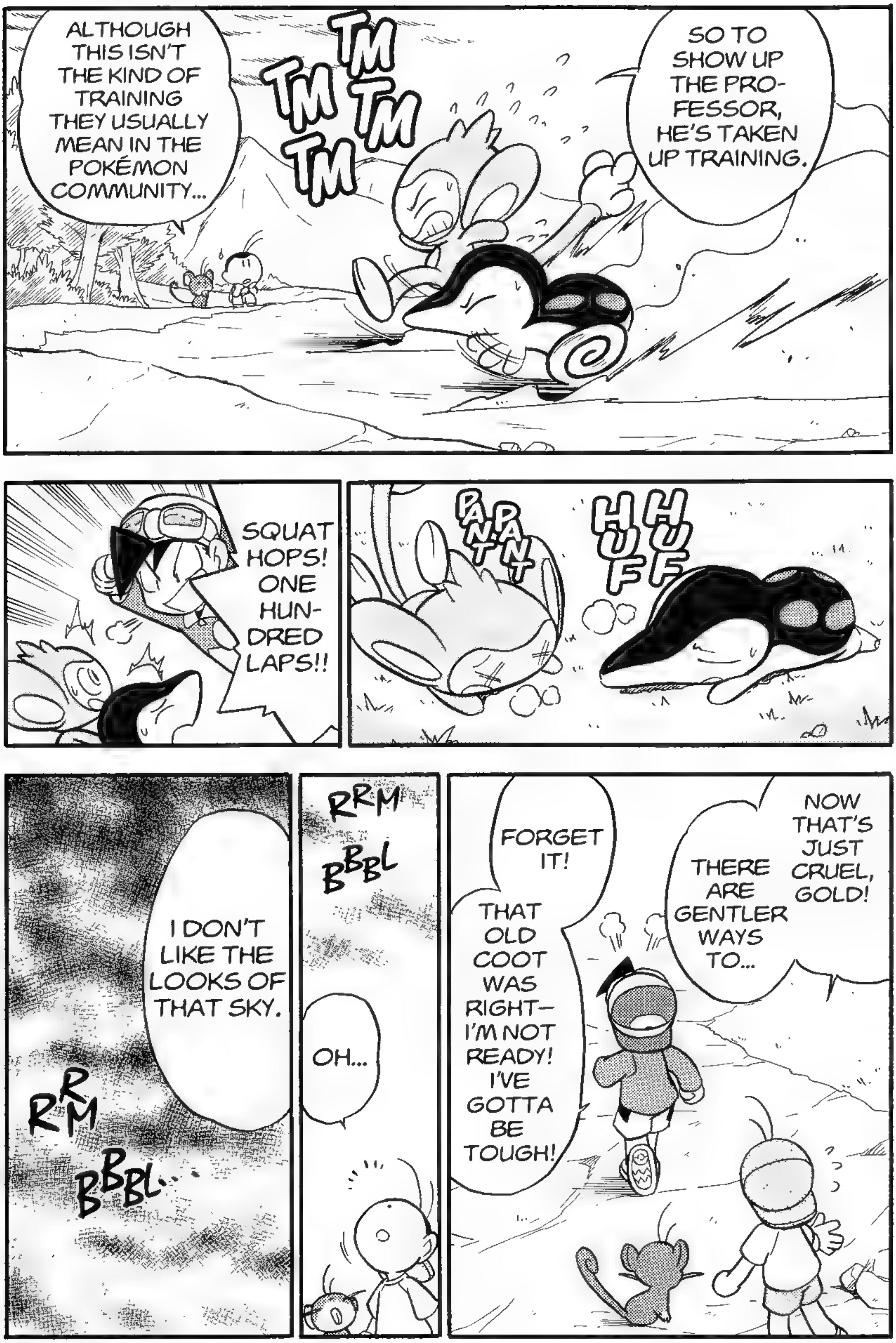

GIVE IT TO YOU?!!
H-HOW COULD YOU ASK SUCH A THING?!
BOW
I'M SO SORRY, PROFESSOR! HE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT TODAY, AND HE'S NOT IN HIS RIGHT—
I AM NOT CRAZY!
LISTEN... GOLD, IS IT? I ONLY HAVE TWO OF THESE LEFT.
AND I CREATED THEM SPECIFICALLY FOR MY OWN RESEARCH.
I CAN'T GIVE THIS TO YOU.
YEAH, YEAH, I GET THAT.
BUT I'M GOING AFTER THE GUY WHO STOLE YOUR OTHER GADGET...
...AND HOW DO I FIGHT HIM IF HE'S GOT ONE AND I DON'T?
THIS IS FOR YOU.
AND I DON'T THINK YOU WANT ME TO FAIL.


I CAN'T MAKE ONE THAT QUICKLY!!
YOU COULD JUST MAKE ANOTHER ONE!! YOU'RE A GENIUS, RIGHT?!
NO!!
PLEASE?!
NO!!
THEN CAN I JUST BORROW IT FOR A WHILE?
I ALREADY SAID NO!!
PANT PANT... TRY TO UNDER-STAND THIS...
I'VE ONLY GIVEN POKÉDEXES TO TRAINERS I TRUST TO GATHER THOROUGH AND ACCURATE DATA FOR MY RESEARCH...
...AND WHO HAVE THE CHARACTER AND SKILLS TO HELP OTHERS.
I DON'T GIVE THEM TO PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW.
MMMG
STOP THAT!! STANT-LER! LEDYBA!
AIBO, SCRATCH!!
VAP
N-NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M...
SKILLS, HUH?
YOU'RE FINE IF YOU'VE GOT SKILLS, HUH?!
OKAY THEN...


STANT-LER! CONFUSE RAY!
ZAK
!!
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOT TO BE...
CHK
THERE, AIBO!
W-WHAT ...?!
GOTCHA!!
VAP
A... AIBO ...?


WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?! EVEN IF YOU SOMEHOW DEFEATED ME...
I STILL WOULDN'T GIVE YOU THE POKÉ-DEX.
BUT... BUT THAT'S STUPID!!
NOBODY COULD USE THAT THING BETTER THAN ME!
...
THANK YOU, SON.
BECAUSE YOU'VE JUST CONFIRMED MY OPINION... THAT YOU ARE NOT READY FOR A POKÉDEX.
WHAT?!
YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO FLINGS HIMSELF HEADLONG AFTER WHATEVER HE'S SET HIS HEART ON AND WON'T HEAR ANY ARGU-MENT.
THAT'S A FINE TRAIT... TO A POINT.
BUT WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER CONSIDER ANY OF THE PEOPLE OR ISSUES AROUND YOU... YOU'VE LOST CONTROL!
TO SOME-ONE LIKE YOU ...

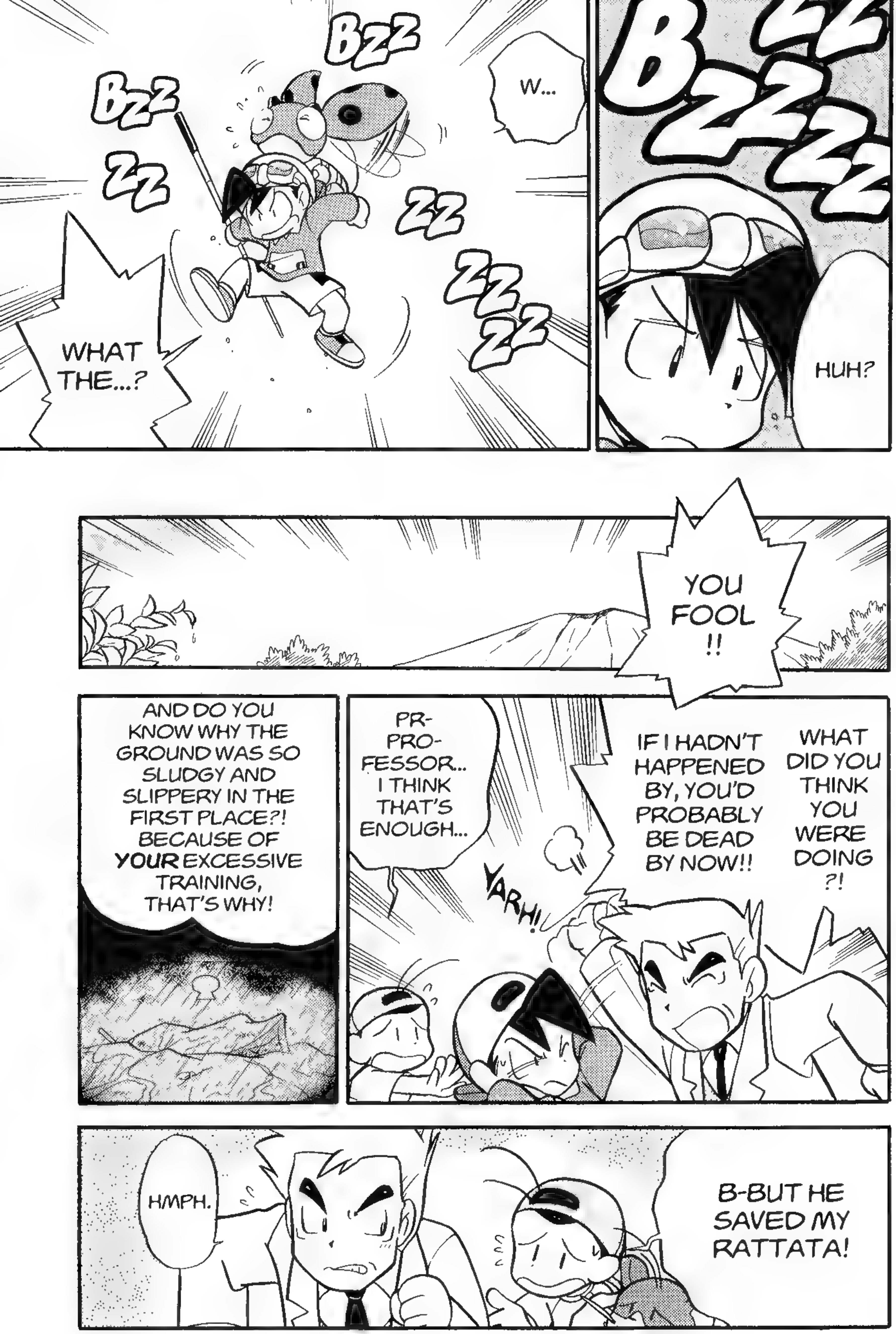

...THE POKÉDEX IS JUST A TOOL.
A WEAPON FOR DISCERNING ATTACKS AND LEVELS.
CHING!
I WON'T WASTE ONE ON YOU.
YIP
FINE. I DON'T WANT IT.
G... GOLD ...?
YOU JUST WATCH, OLD MAN!
I'LL BE BETTER WITHOUT IT!
GOLD!
VMM
...

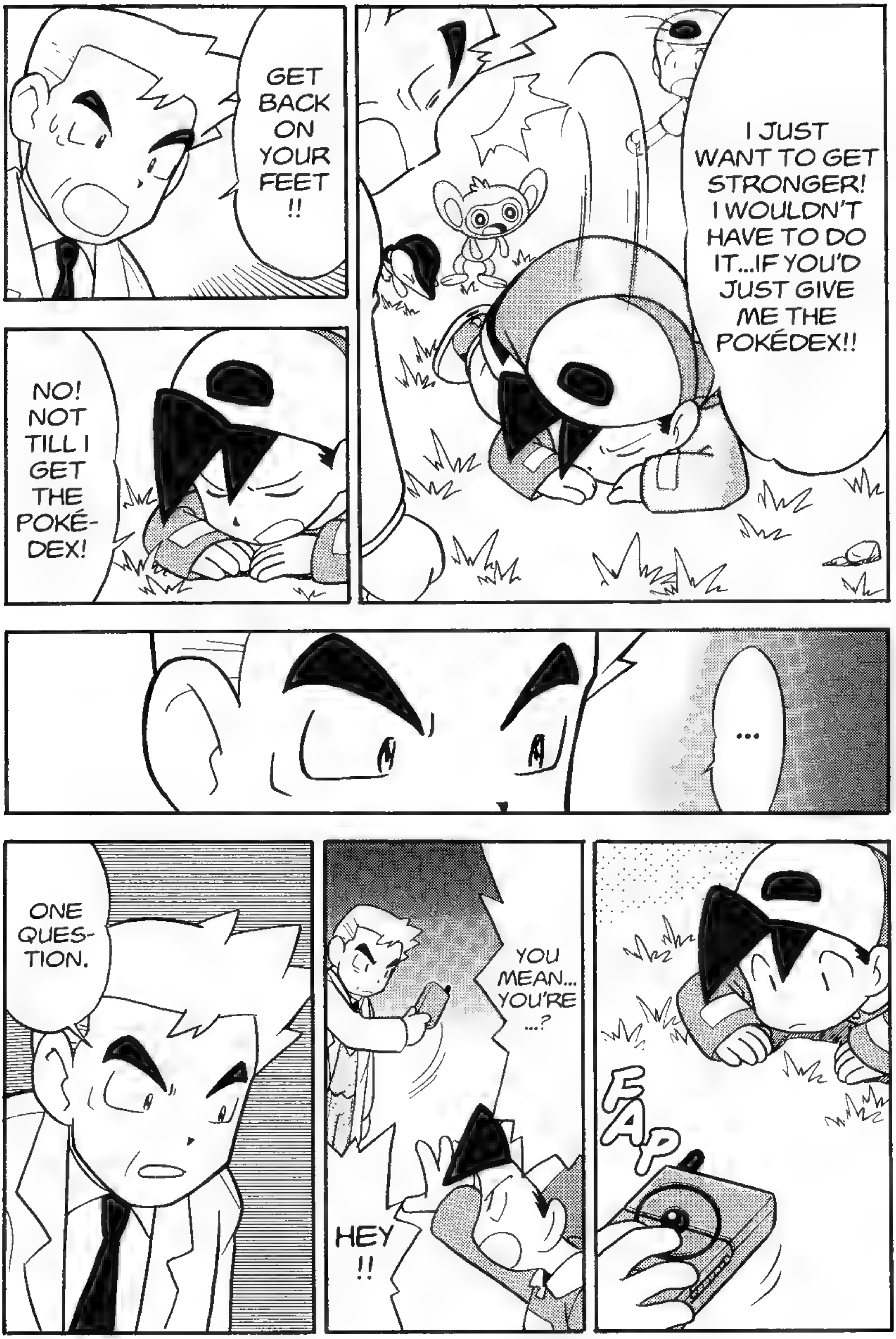

ALTHOUGH THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF TRAINING THEY USUALLY MEAN IN THE POKÉMON COMMUNITY...
TM TM TM TM
SO TO SHOW UP THE PRO-FESSOR, HE'S TAKEN UP TRAINING.
SQUAT HOPS! ONE HUN-DRED LAPS!!
PANT PANT
HUFF HUFF
NOW THAT'S JUST CRUEL, GOLD!
THERE ARE GENTLER WAYS TO...
FORGET IT!
THAT OLD COOT WAS RIGHT— I'M NOT READY! I'VE GOTTA BE TOUGH!
RRM
BBBL
OH...
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT SKY.
RRM
BBBL...


AND WHILE I'M TRAVELING!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF...
WHAT A HORREN-DOUS STORM...
KRAK
PSSSH
WHAT?!! WHAT'S ALL THIS SLUDGE?!
H... HELP ME...
OH!
AND THAT TENT... IS IT...
... JOEY'S ...?
WHAT HAPPENED?! AND WHERE'S GOLD?!
HE... JUMPED ...
SSSH
JOEY!!


STANTLER, HURRY!
VM
HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER TO SAVE MY RATTATA!
HE WHAT ?!
GOOD... JOEY'S RATTATA GOT TO THE OTHER SHORE.
PLP PLP PLP PLP
SSHHH
IT'S TOO EXHAUSTED... BECAUSE OF THE TRAINING I PUT IT THROUGH...
...
NOW THE PROBLEM IS **US.** EXBO, CAN YOU FOLLOW RATTATA?
I'M SORRY, EXBO... I DID THIS.
BOM
AND NOW I'M GONNA SAVE YOU!
YOU **WILL** SEE TOTODILE AGAIN!

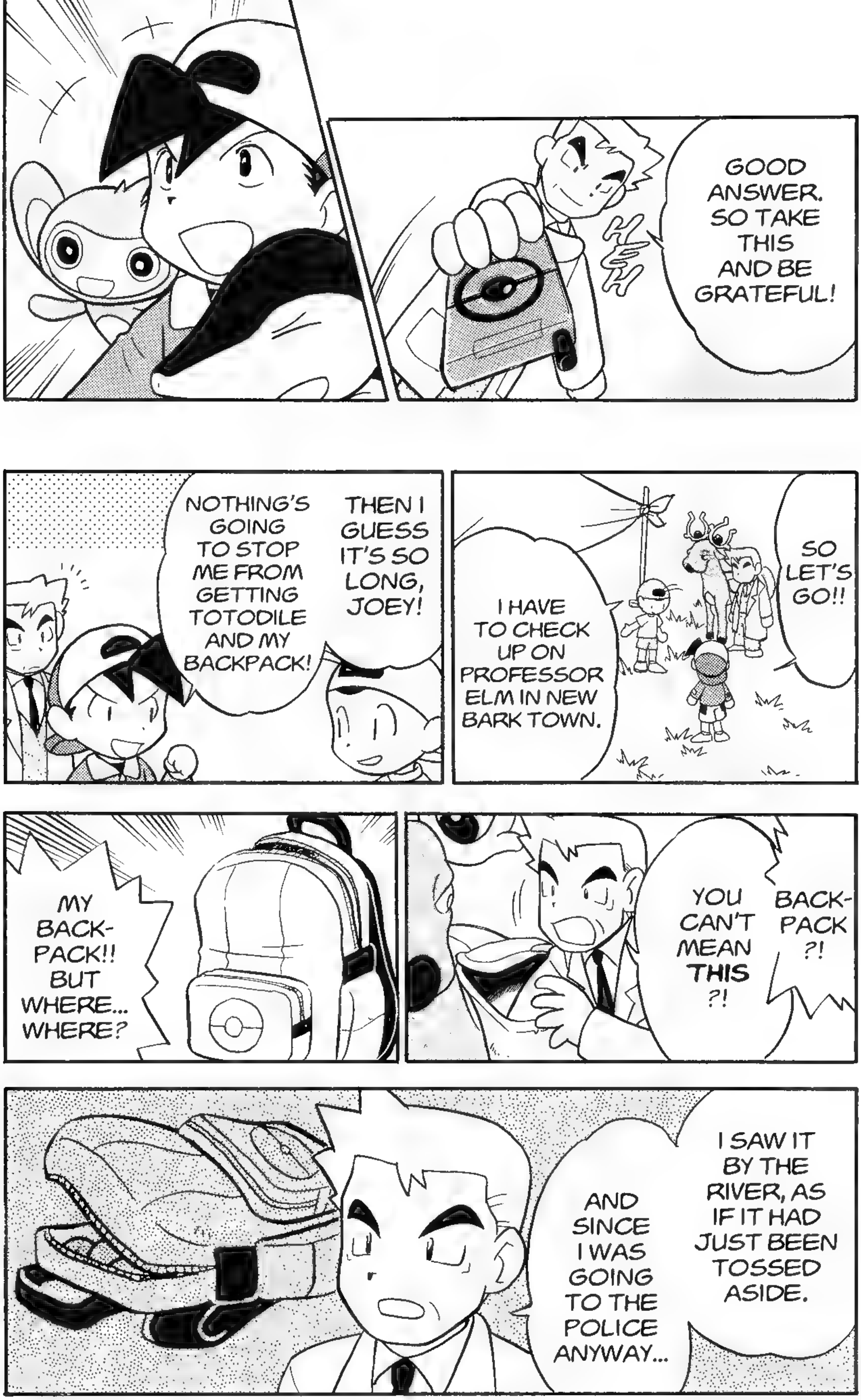

TAK!
OKAY!
TOK
TOK
TUMP
ROLL
WATER-FALL!
DOOOOOM
SLIP-PING...!
GLUG
AGH!
THAT LEAVES ONLY...
WUK
I'M DOOMED !!


BZZ
BZZ
ZZ
W...
WHAT THE...?
ZZ
ZZZ
ZZ
BZZZZZ
HUH?
YOU FOOL !!
WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING ?!
IF I HADN'T HAPPENED BY, YOU'D PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW!!
PR- PRO- FESSOR... I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH...
YARH!!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHY THE GROUND WAS SO SLUDGY AND SLIPPERY IN THE FIRST PLACE?! BECAUSE OF **YOUR** EXCESSIVE TRAINING, THAT'S WHY!
B-BUT HE SAVED MY RATTATA!
HMPH.

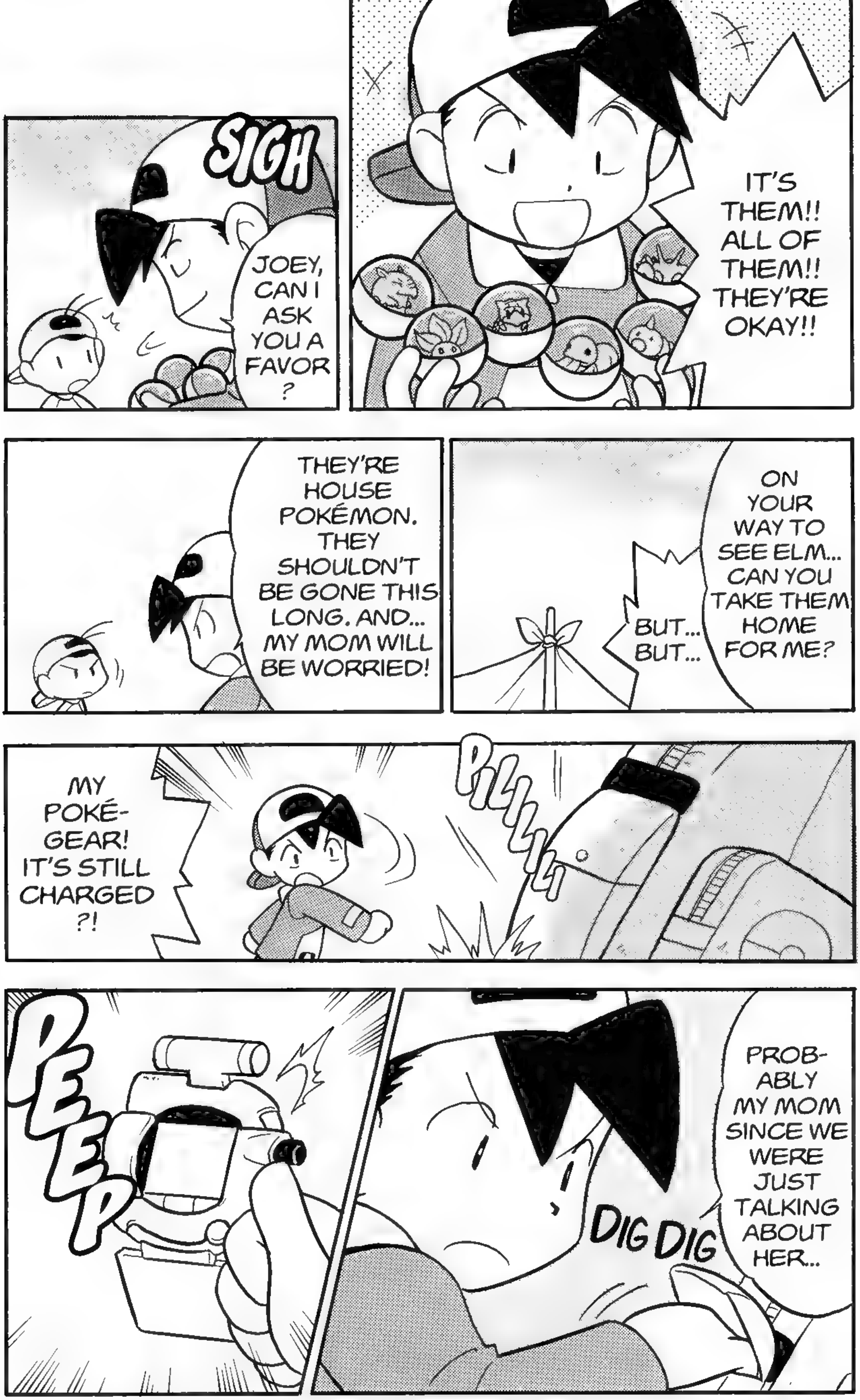

GET BACK ON YOUR FEET!!
NO! NOT TILL I GET THE POKÉ-DEX!
I JUST WANT TO GET STRONGER! I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO IT...IF YOU'D JUST GIVE ME THE POKÉDEX!!
...
ONE QUES-TION.
YOU MEAN... YOU'RE ...?
HEY !!
FAP


WHAT DO POKÉMON MEAN TO YOU?
I'VE KNOWN TRAINERS WHO DESCRIBED THEIR POKÉMON AS COMRADES AND FRIENDS.
CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY THE SAME?
...
I'M WAITING.
PAT
HONESTLY... I CAN'T SAY THAT "FRIEND" OR "COMRADE" IS RIGHT...


...AT ELM'S RE-SEARCH CENTER.
AIBO'S LIVED WITH ME FOREVER... SO AIBO'S LIKE FAMILY.
BUT EXBO I JUST MET...
EXBO WANTED TO CLOBBER THE GUY WHO STOLE TOTODILE— AND SO DID I!
SO EVEN THOUGH WE'D JUST MET, WE COULD FIGHT TOGETHER.
YOINK
WE LOST THAT ROUND... BUT WE'RE GONNA STICK TOGETHER TILL WE WIN.
I WANT IT TO BE THAT WAY WITH EVERY POKÉMON I MEET FROM NOW ON...
PARTNERS
NOT JUST FRIENDS OR COMRADES ...
...BUT PARTNERS !!
UNITED BY THE SAME GOAL!!
TRAINER AND POKÉMON...
... PARTNERS ...



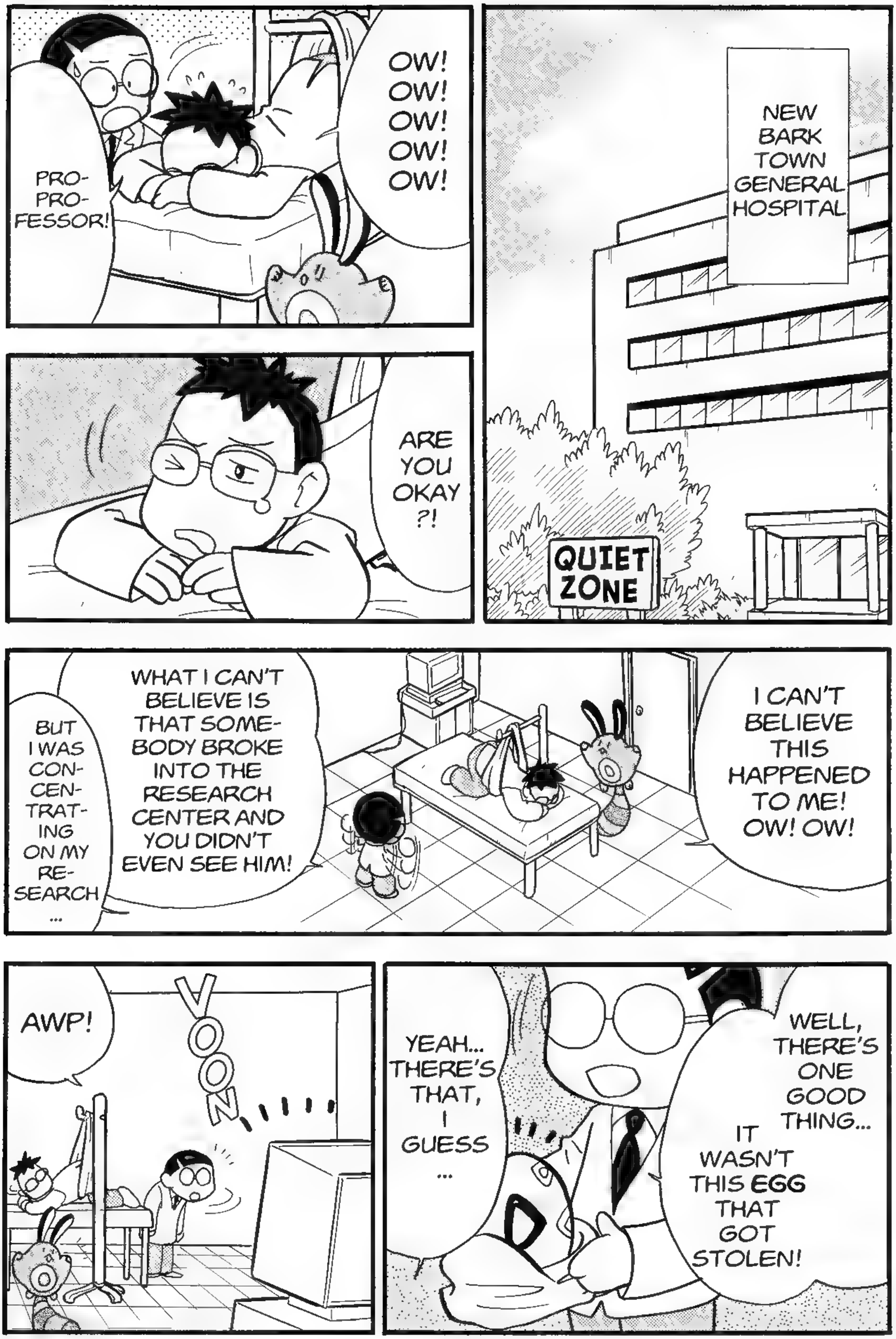
HEH
GOOD ANSWER. SO TAKE THIS AND BE GRATEFUL!
NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP ME FROM GETTING TOTODILE AND MY BACKPACK!
THEN I GUESS IT'S SO LONG, JOEY!
I HAVE TO CHECK UP ON PROFESSOR ELM IN NEW BARK TOWN.
SO LET'S GO!!
MY BACK-PACK!! BUT WHERE... WHERE?
BACK-PACK?!
YOU CAN'T MEAN THIS?!
I SAW IT BY THE RIVER, AS IF IT HAD JUST BEEN TOSSED ASIDE.
AND SINCE I WAS GOING TO THE POLICE ANYWAY...


SIGH
JOEY, CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
IT'S THEM!! ALL OF THEM!! THEY'RE OKAY!!
THEY'RE HOUSE POKÉMON. THEY SHOULDN'T BE GONE THIS LONG. AND... MY MOM WILL BE WORRIED!
ON YOUR WAY TO SEE ELM... CAN YOU TAKE THEM HOME FOR ME?
BUT... BUT...
MY POKÉ-GEAR! IT'S STILL CHARGED?!
PILILILI
PEEP
PROB-ABLY MY MOM SINCE WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HER...
DIG DIG


OKAY, MY CLUES TO THIS GUY...
A PICTURE AND A GLOVE...
BINGO!
YES, MOM, I KNOW I HAVEN'T CALLED. IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE GONE A WHILE LONG...
MOM!
I'LL BE FINE! JUST ONE LITTLE MATTER TO SETTLE!
OKAY! FINE! I KNOW!
SIGH
SILVER
!
...
WHY WOULD HE HAVE "SILVER" STITCHED INTO THE INSIDE OF HIS GLOVE...
...UNLESS THAT'S HIS NAME!!
OKAY, THEN! I'M OFF!!
SEE YOU, JOEY! AND YOU TOO, OAK!
HE'S CHANGING ALREADY.
HEH
SUDDENLY I'M "OAK"...INSTEAD OF JUST "OLD MAN."



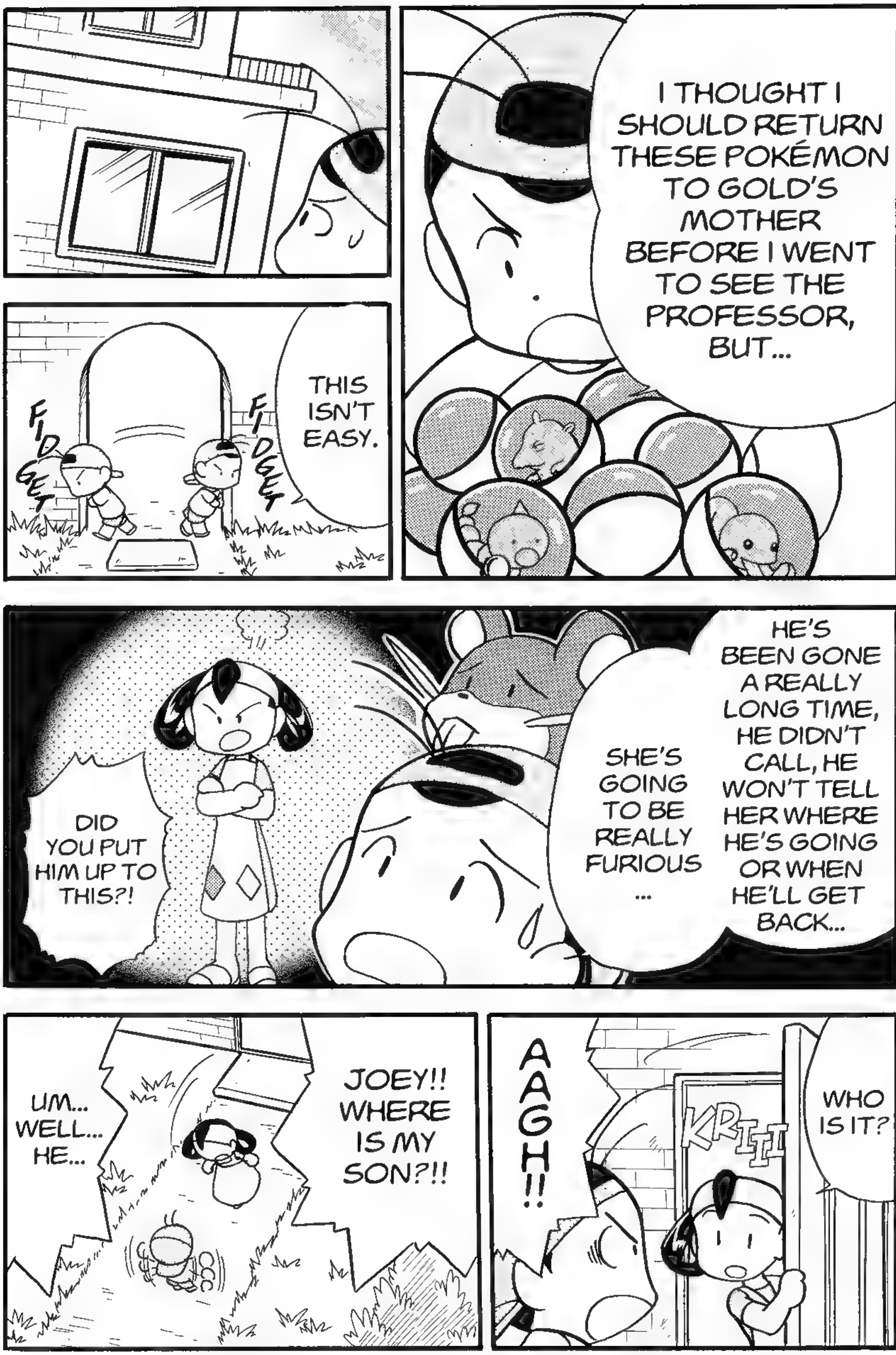
SHK
FSH
VIP
WE KNOW OUR MISSION.
KLAK
ZSH
SO...
LET'S GO...
...PARTNER!!

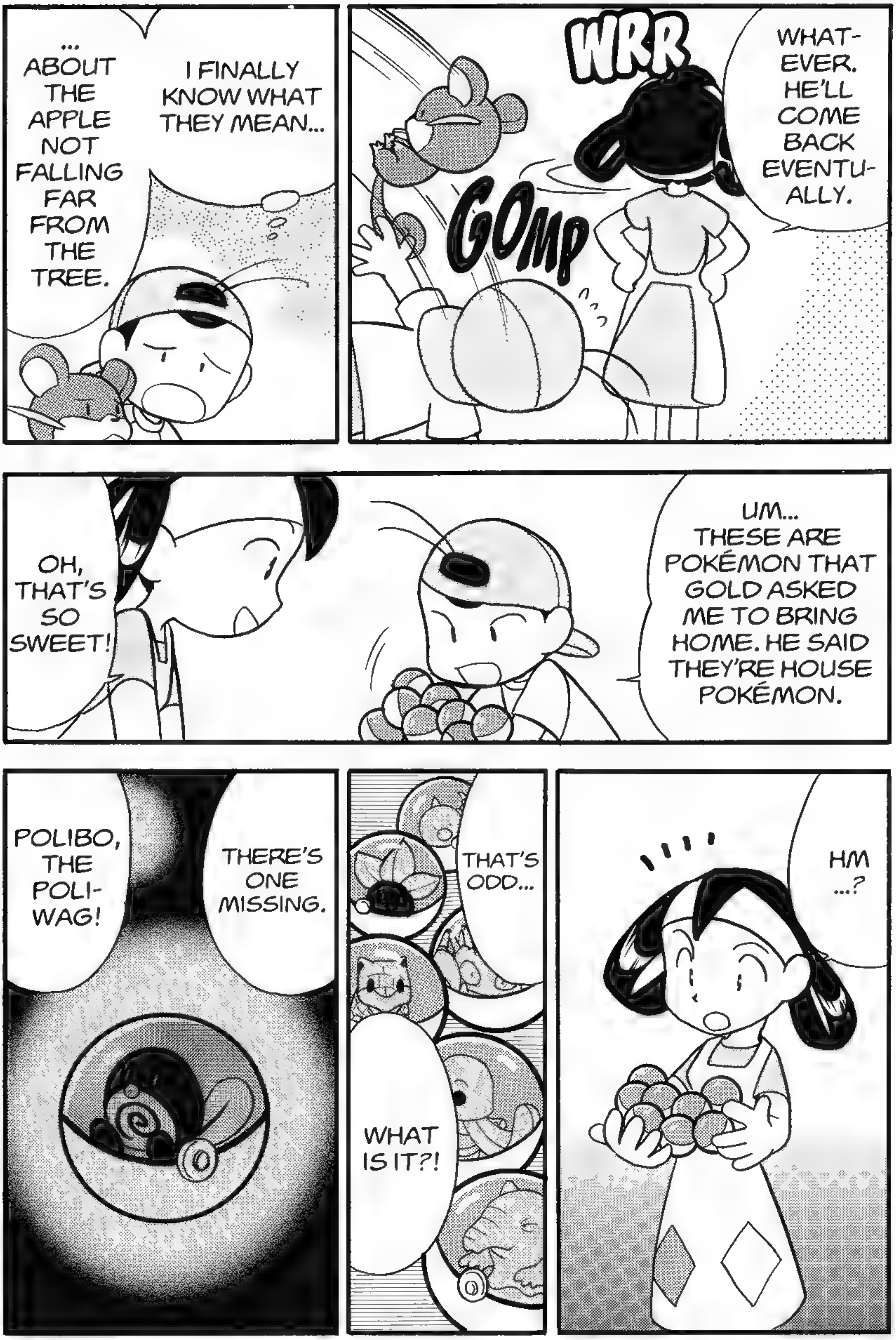

NEW BARK TOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL
QUIET ZONE
OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!
PRO-PRO-FESSOR!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED TO ME! OW! OW!
WHAT I CAN'T BELIEVE IS THAT SOMEBODY BROKE INTO THE RESEARCH CENTER AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIM!
BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING ON MY RESEARCH...
WELL, THERE'S ONE GOOD THING...
IT WASN'T THIS **EGG** THAT GOT STOLEN!
YEAH... THERE'S THAT, I GUESS...
VOON
AWP!


THE NAME'S GOLD. SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF BEFORE. HOW'S YOUR BACK?!
EEP
HIYA, PRO-FESSOR ELM!!
Y-Y-YOU !!
...THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR TOTO-DILE!
I'M SURE YOU HEARD THIS FROM THE COPS, BUT...
GAPE
WAIT, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON SMALL TALK.
WE'LL CATCH THAT CROOK AND BRING BACK YOUR POKÉMON... AND YOU JUST KEEP OUT OF IT!!
OVER !!
WOMP
THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS FRIEND OF YOURS IS GONNA BE HELPING ME!

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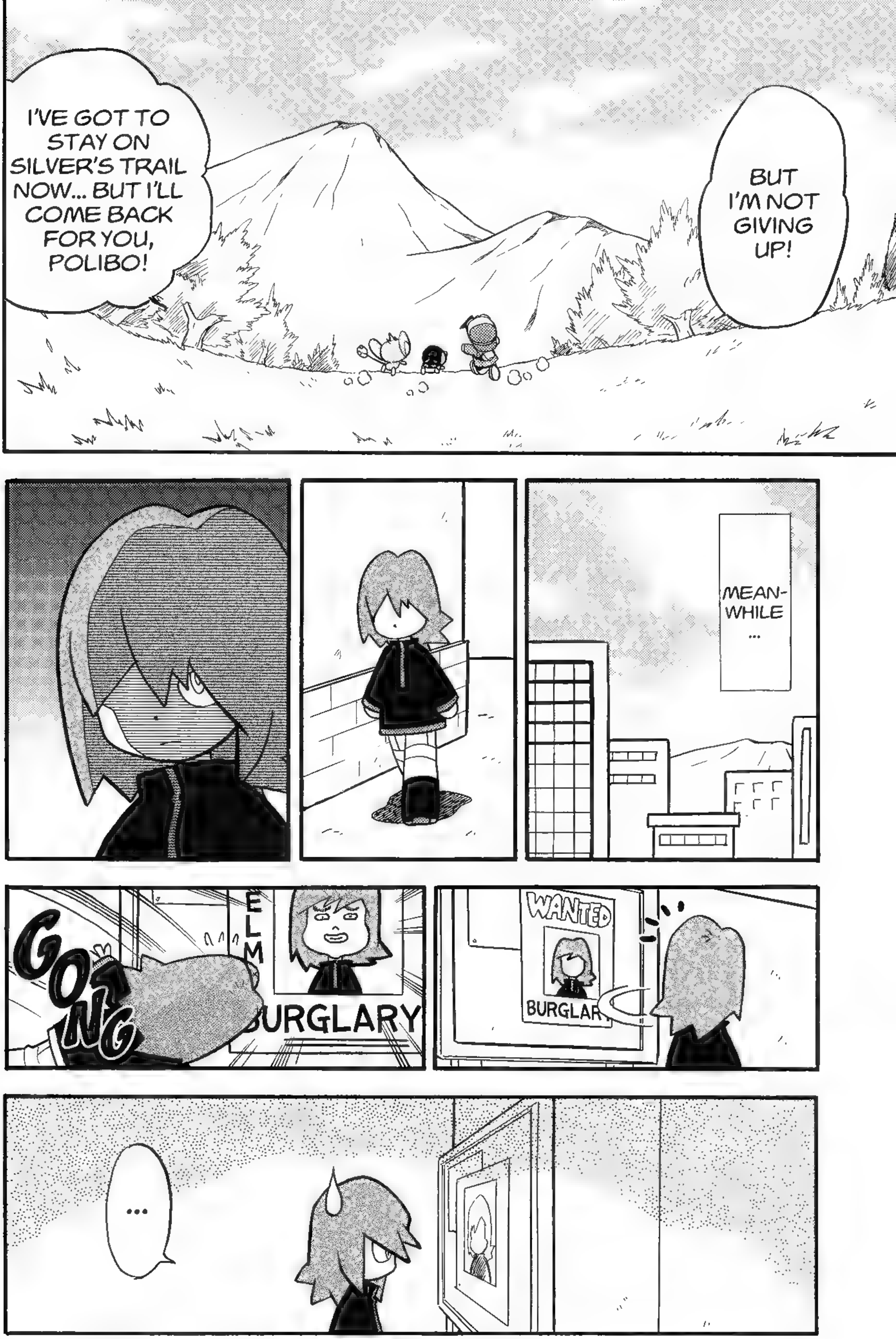



I THOUGHT I SHOULD RETURN THESE POKÉMON TO GOLD'S MOTHER BEFORE I WENT TO SEE THE PROFESSOR, BUT...
THIS ISN'T EASY.
FIDGET
FIDGET
HE'S BEEN GONE A REALLY LONG TIME, HE DIDN'T CALL, HE WON'T TELL HER WHERE HE'S GOING OR WHEN HE'LL GET BACK...
SHE'S GOING TO BE REALLY FURIOUS ...
DID YOU PUT HIM UP TO THIS?!
WHO IS IT?
KRIII
AAGH!!
JOEY!! WHERE IS MY SON?!!
UM... WELL... HE...


I FINALLY KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN...
... ABOUT THE APPLE NOT FALLING FAR FROM THE TREE.
WRR
GOMP
WHAT-EVER. HE'LL COME BACK EVENTU-ALLY.
UM... THESE ARE POKÉMON THAT GOLD ASKED ME TO BRING HOME. HE SAID THEY'RE HOUSE POKÉMON.
OH, THAT'S SO SWEET!
HM ...?
THAT'S ODD...
WHAT IS IT?!
THERE'S ONE MISSING.
POLIBO, THE POLI-WAG!


POLIBO ?!
I'M SO SORRY, POLIBO!
IT'S THEM!! ALL OF THEM!! THEY'RE OKAY!!
...THAT I DIDN'T COUNT TO MAKE SURE!
RATS! I WAS SO HAPPY TO GET THEM BACK...
YOU'RE SURE, JOEY ?!
SO POLIBO'S POKÉ BALL COULD'VE ROLLED INTO THE WATER!
WHAMP
OAK SAID SOMEBODY TOSSED THE PACK ASIDE BY THE RIVER. PROBABLY WITH THE ZIPPER OPEN...
JUST HANG ON, PARTNER! I'M COMING!
...BUT POLIBO COMES FIRST!
TM
I'VE GOT TO HUNT THIS SILVER DOWN...


ROUTE 31
SHHH
GLUBGLUB
WHERE ARE YOU, POLIBO?!
RRG!
IT'S NO USE! POLIBO'S NOWHERE AROUND HERE! DOES THAT MEAN...
...POLIBO GOT CARRIED FARTHER DOWN-STREAM?
SO MANY FALSE LEADS... DEAD ENDS...
SPLISH


I'VE GOT TO STAY ON SILVER'S TRAIL NOW... BUT I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU, POLIBO!
BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP!
MEAN-WHILE ...
GONG
ELM
BURGLARY
WANTED
BURGLAR
...


MAN, AM I HUNGRY ...
RRRGGL
JOHTO REGION
VIOLET CITY
HEHEH. TOO EASY.
THIEF!! STOP HIM!!
THIS LOOKS SO GOOD...
DM DM DM DM DM DM
FAMOUS
Lots of soy sauce!
YEAH! ONE OF YOUR FAMOUS RICE CAKES!
HUFHUF PANTPANT
S- SOME-BODY —!!


ACK !!
DIRT!
KOF KOF
PFF PFF
DMDMDM
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO GOT DIRT ALL OVER IT!
HEY! GIMME A NEW RICE CAKE!!
SO THAT GUY THINKS HE CAN MESS UP MY RICE CAKE AND GET AWAY WITH IT, DOES HE?!
TMMM
FAT CHANCE !!


PUFF
PUFF
GET BACK HERE!!
DM DM DM DM
AH, YOUNG MAN! ARE YOU GOING TO GET MY POUCH BACK FOR ME? I'D BE SO GRATEFUL!
GET YOUR POUCH BACK?!
I WASN'T PLANNING ON IT!
WMP
I JUST WANT HIM TO PAY FOR MY RICE CAKE!
HEY, YOU!
DMDMDMDM


YOU KNOW, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO AVOID A FIGHT IS BUY ME A NEW RICE CAKE.
WHO ARE YOU?!
AIBO-SCRATCH!!
OKAY, NOW YOU'VE MADE ME MAD!!
WOP
OWW!
DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH YOUR GIBBERISH!!
TING
WAGH!
NUISANCE! DONPHAN, HORN ATTACK!

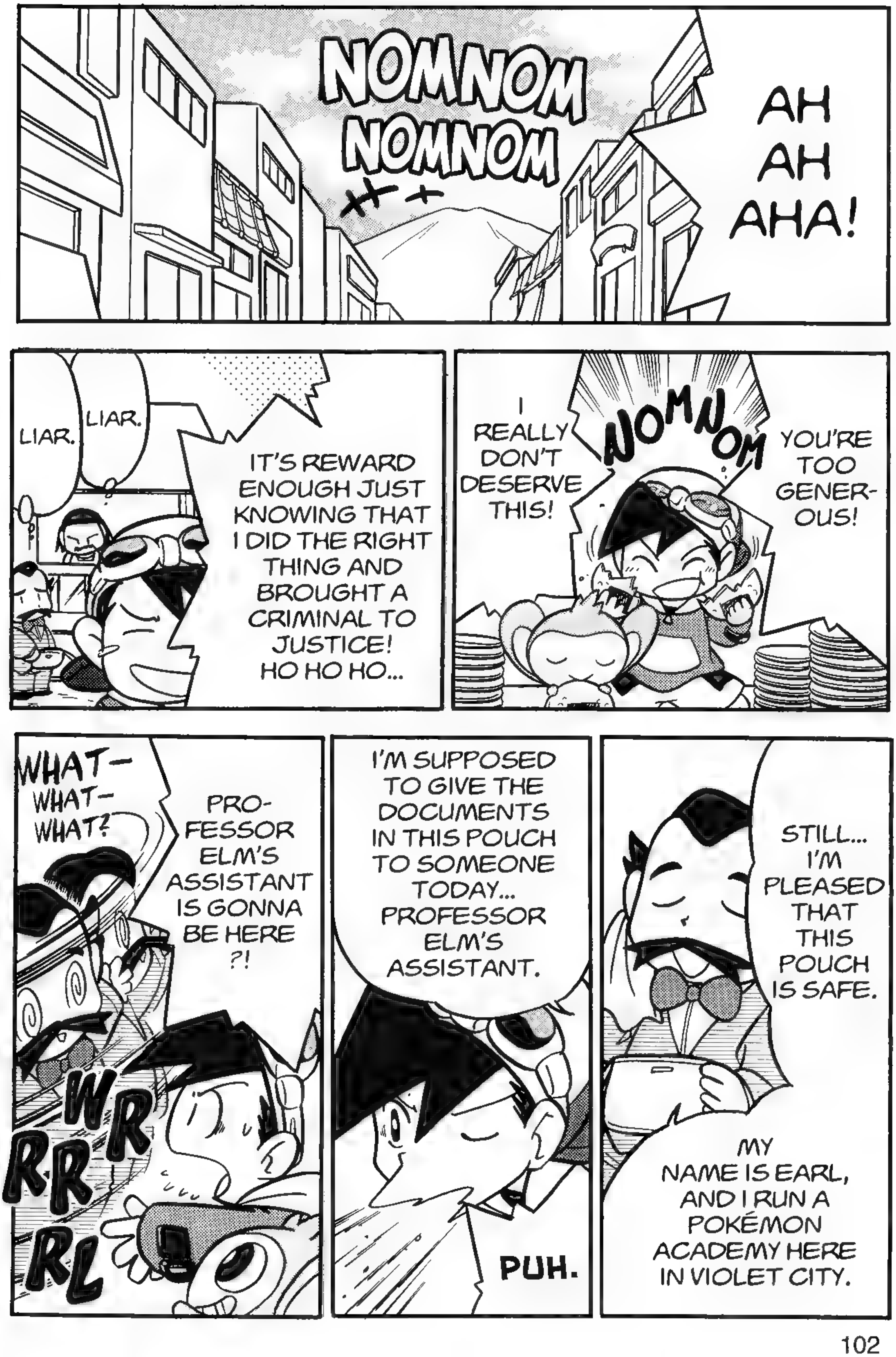

WEEEN
SO IT'S CALLED DONPHAN, HUH?
VIP
KWRL
KWRL
Donphan
Armor Pokémon
Height 3'7''
Weight 265 lbs
232
longer the tusks higher the rank in the herd.
Area
Cry
PRNT
PIP
LONG TUSKS, HUH? SO THE ONE AT THE FRONT...
...HAS GOTTA BE THE BOSS!
OKAY, AIBO. I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
NOD
READY ... SET ...
VP

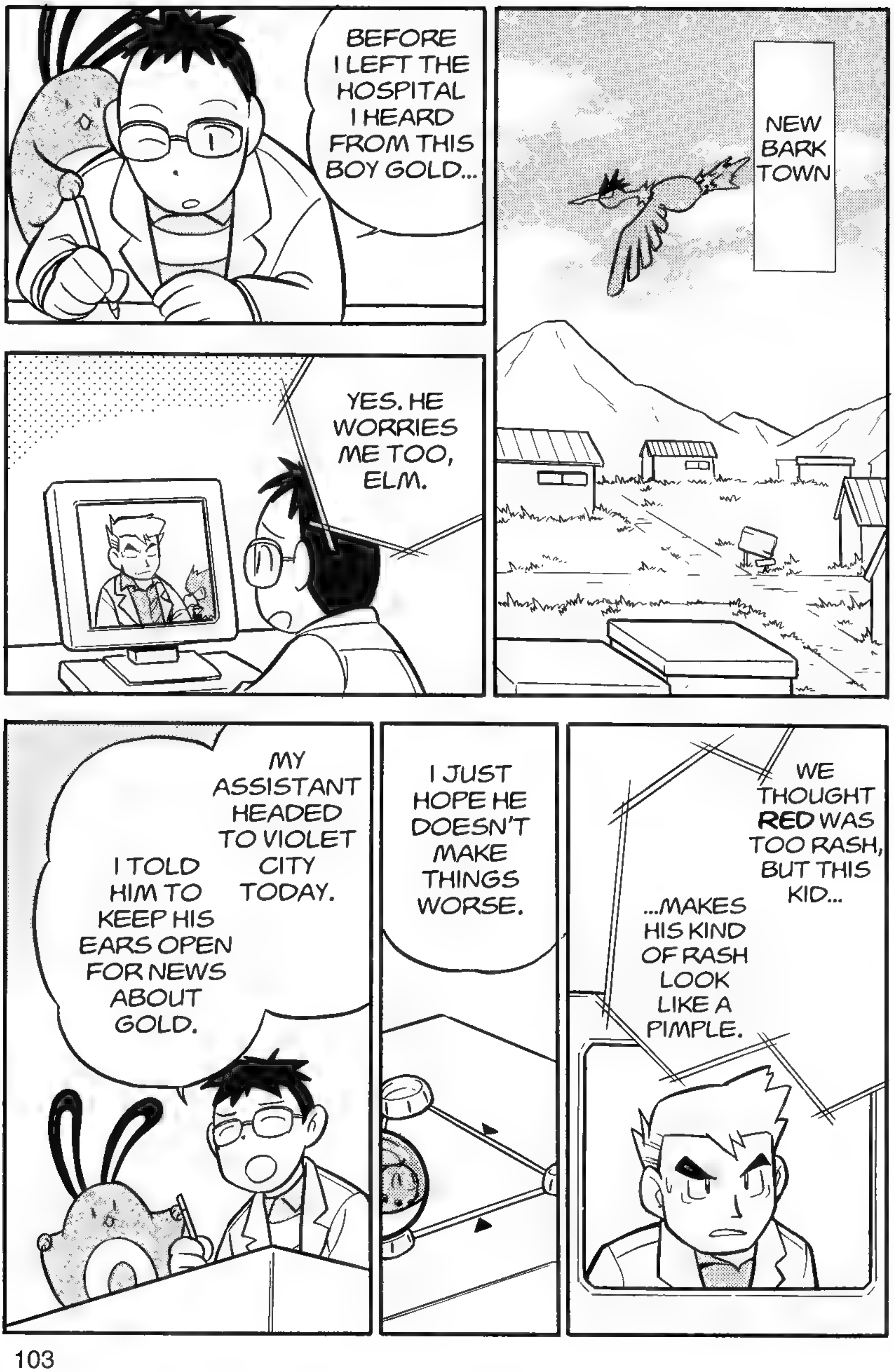


HOOOOO
FLING
RRRRAH!!
IT DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST ...
ARE YOU TRYING TO INJURE YOUR POKÉMON ?!
WHAT ?!!
VWSH


COME ON BACK, AIBO!
TUG
BYON BYON
HE PULLED AIBO BACK BY ITS TAIL!!
THE AIPOM'S TAIL IS HANDIER THAN... NEVER MIND.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING...
... BECAUSE YOUR DONPHAN IS SPINNING OUT!
YAAAAAA!!
VP
FSSHT


KRAKOOM
JAB
WRL
HEH
THAT'S WHY I NEVER FOLLOW THE HERD! ♪
FAP
HYUUU


NOMNOM NOMNOM
AH AH AHA!
LIAR.
LIAR.
IT'S REWARD ENOUGH JUST KNOWING THAT I DID THE RIGHT THING AND BROUGHT A CRIMINAL TO JUSTICE! HO HO HO...
I REALLY DON'T DESERVE THIS!
NOMNOM
YOU'RE TOO GENER-OUS!
STILL... I'M PLEASED THAT THIS POUCH IS SAFE.
MY NAME IS EARL, AND I RUN A POKÉMON ACADEMY HERE IN VIOLET CITY.
I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE DOCUMENTS IN THIS POUCH TO SOMEONE TODAY... PROFESSOR ELM'S ASSISTANT.
PUH.
WHAT-WHAT-WHAT?!
PRO-FESSOR ELM'S ASSISTANT IS GONNA BE HERE?!
WRRRRRL


BEFORE I LEFT THE HOSPITAL I HEARD FROM THIS BOY GOLD...
NEW BARK TOWN
YES. HE WORRIES ME TOO, ELM.
MY ASSISTANT HEADED TO VIOLET CITY TODAY.
I TOLD HIM TO KEEP HIS EARS OPEN FOR NEWS ABOUT GOLD.
I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T MAKE THINGS WORSE.
WE THOUGHT RED WAS TOO RASH, BUT THIS KID...
...MAKES HIS KIND OF RASH LOOK LIKE A PIMPLE.


HEY! RICE-CAKE WRECK-ER!
EEEK!
OH FINE! YOU JUST KNOW THIS ASSISTANT GUY IS GONNA YELL AT ME FOR TAKING EXBO! I GOTTA SHOW SOME RESULTS...
FP
MY NAME'S GOLD. I'M FROM NEW BARK TOWN.
I'M LOOKING FOR ONE OF YOUR FELLOW THIEVES. TAKE A LOOK!
HE'S GOT RED HAIR AND A TOTODILE.
HE STOLE A POKÉMON FROM PROFESSOR ELM'S RESEARCH CENTER.
FLIP



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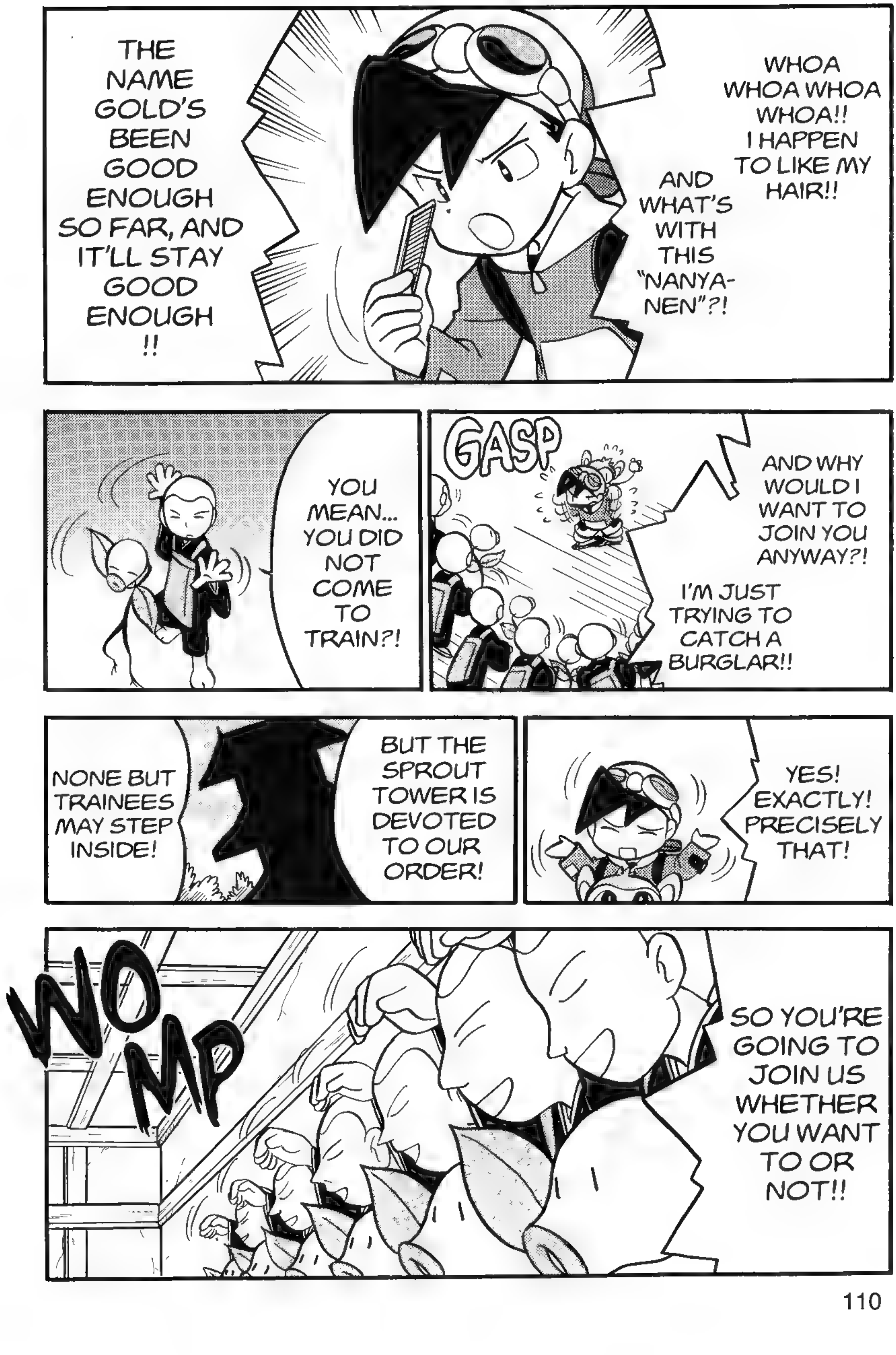



GWOM
SO IT IS IN YOUR HANDS.
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN EVOLVE...
...IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOUR SKILLS.
SNAP
UNDER-STOOD, SILVER?
UNDER-STOOD.


WEIRD.
WHY DO THEY CALL IT SPROUT TOWER?
SPROUT TOWER
VIOLET
"LEGEND HOLDS THAT THE TOWER WAS BUILT AROUND A 100-FOOT BELLSPROUT." THAT'S... INSANE.
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE ABOUT LEGENDS.
TUG
I JUST CARE ABOUT CATCHING THAT LOUSY SILVER!
IF HE'S TRYING TO STEAL SOMETHING FROM HERE...
...HE'LL PROBABLY USE HIS USUAL TRICKS.
IF I'M GONNA CATCH HIM, I'VE GOTTA ACT LIKE HIM!
ZHOOP


KRIII
GWOM.
GWOM.
GWOM GWOM
WHAT'S ALL THIS MACHINERY, I WONDER...?
VIP VIP
OKAY... WHERE IS HE?
DUCK
GRRNG
WHOA.


TOOM
YOU HAVE COME TO TRAIN IN POKÉMON COMBAT?
SHAKESHAKE
WAAAA!
TROY.
NEAL.
JIN.
ED-MOND.
NICO.
WE WELCOME YOU. I AM CHOW.
BALD !!!
SHING!
YOU SHALL BE CALLED NANYANEN.
FIRST WE MUST SHAVE YOUR HEAD...


WHOA WHOA WHOA WHOA!! I HAPPEN TO LIKE MY HAIR!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS "NANYA-NEN"?!
THE NAME GOLD'S BEEN GOOD ENOUGH SO FAR, AND IT'LL STAY GOOD ENOUGH !!
YOU MEAN... YOU DID NOT COME TO TRAIN?!
GASP
AND WHY WOULD I WANT TO JOIN YOU ANYWAY?!
I'M JUST TRYING TO CATCH A BURGLAR!!
BUT THE SPROUT TOWER IS DEVOTED TO OUR ORDER!
NONE BUT TRAINEES MAY STEP INSIDE!
YES! EXACTLY! PRECISELY THAT!
WOMP
SO YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN US WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT!!

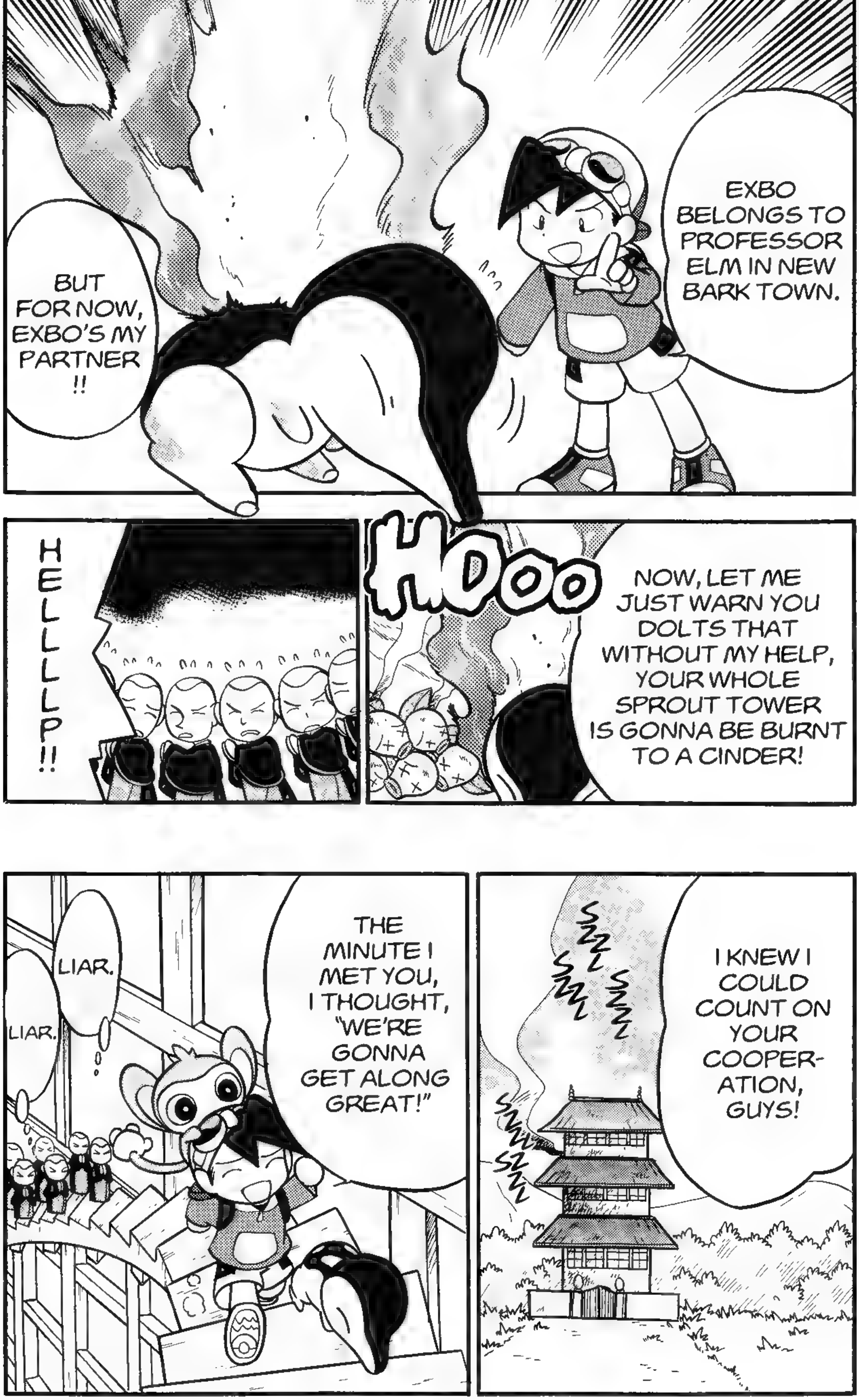

BWAK
WHOA.
SHWISH
YAGH !!
BELL-SPROUT—AERIAL FOR-MATION! SWORDS DANCE!
FWAH
CIRCLE ATTACK RING!
ONE!
WRL
TWO!
PIK
THREE!
VOON
USE CUT !!
W-WATCH IT!

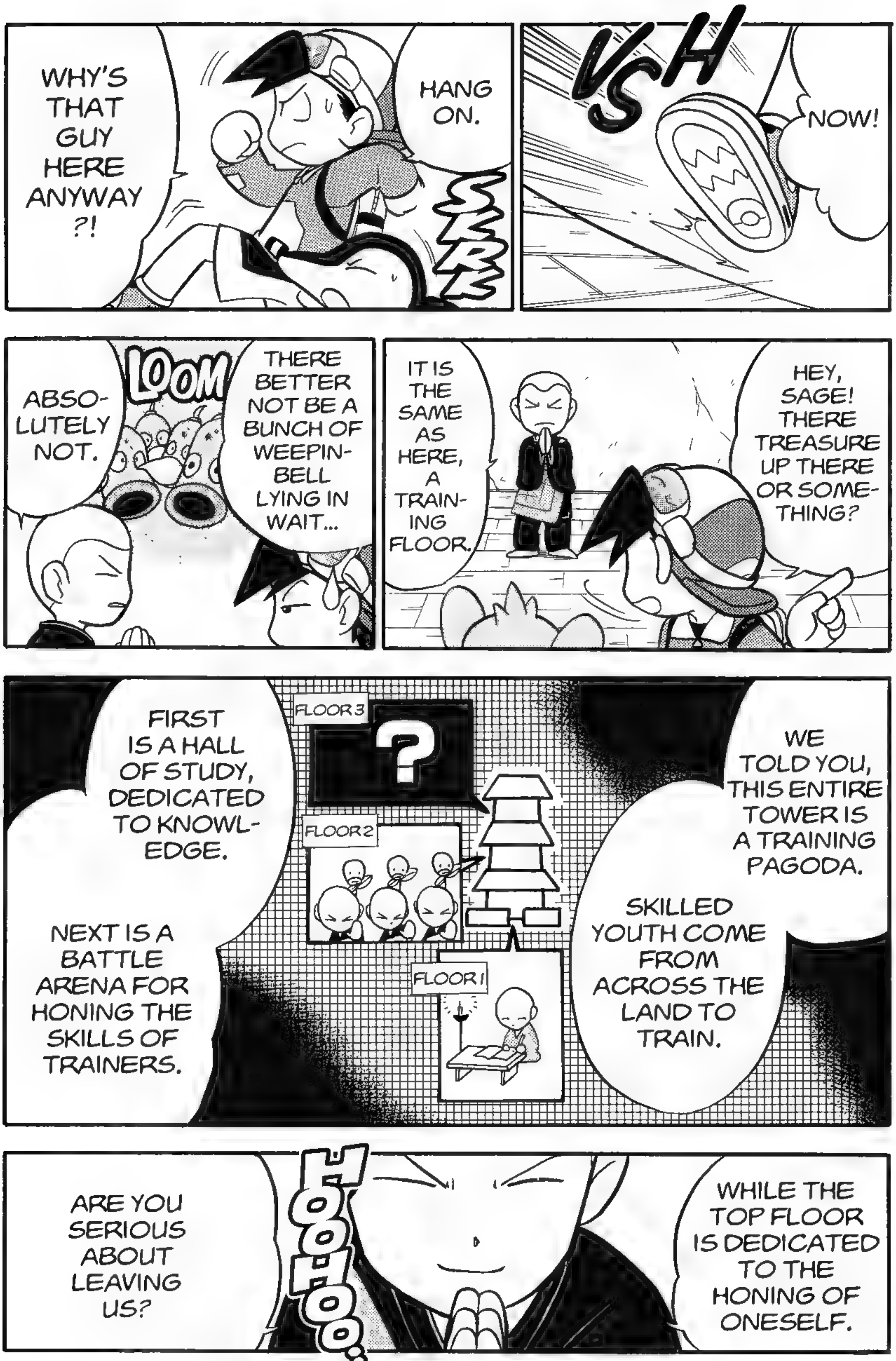

YEEEG!
PING
PING
ROLOLO
SHVV
ACK!
HSSS
THESE ARE THE REWARDS OF OUR TRAINING. YOU TOO CAN...
BUT YOU HAD TO GO AND MAKE ME MAD!
TWIK
YOU KNOW, I WAS HOLDING BACK 'CAUSE I FELT BAD FOR BARGING IN...
FORGET TRAINING— I'M READY TO FIGHT! AIBO!!
YYOOOO


THREE!
TWO!
TRIANGLE DEFENSE... ONE!
AIBO !!
GONG
REFLECT!
HOOO
Bellsprout
Flower Pokemon
Height 2'4"
Weight 8.8 lbs
No.069
Its body is extremely thin, enabling it to strike with great speed.
PRNT
...DOES IT HAVE ANY WEAK SPOTS?
SHOOT. LIKE IT SAYS IN THE POKÉDEX– SKINNY BUT QUICK. AND WITH THAT TEAMWORK...
WEEN


AHAHA
WHAT IS THIS, SOME KIND OF SPORT? SNORT... HOW 'BOUT HANDSTANDS?
HEH HEH. WHAT FORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE FOR THE FINAL ATTACK?
HOW 'BOUT A FAN MOTIF ...?
VIP
I'LL BET THEY CAN'T ALL STACK UP INTO ONE TOWER!
VIP
VIP
OF COURSE THEY CAN! THEY CAN ATTACK FROM ANY FORMATION!
THAT IS SERIOUSLY AMAZING. I COULD NEVER DO THAT!
TOO BAD FOR YOU, I JUST WON.


WSSH
!
MWK
WHAT ?!
FIRE !!
I KNEW I'D NEVER WIN ON SPEED OR SHEER NUMBER.
BUT IF I COULD ATTACK THEM ALL FROM BELOW...
...BY PLANTING EXBO UNDER THEM ...!
MY CYNDAQUIL'S NAME IS EXBO 'CAUSE ITS BACK EXPLODES.


EXBO BELONGS TO PROFESSOR ELM IN NEW BARK TOWN.
BUT FOR NOW, EXBO'S MY PARTNER !!
HOOO
HELLLLP!!
NOW, LET ME JUST WARN YOU DOLTS THAT WITHOUT MY HELP, YOUR WHOLE SPROUT TOWER IS GONNA BE BURNT TO A CINDER!
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOUR COOPER-ATION, GUYS!
THE MINUTE I MET YOU, I THOUGHT, "WE'RE GONNA GET ALONG GREAT!"
LIAR.
LIAR.


VSH
NOW!
HANG ON.
SFX
WHY'S THAT GUY HERE ANYWAY ?!
HEY, SAGE! THERE TREASURE UP THERE OR SOMETHING?
IT IS THE SAME AS HERE, A TRAINING FLOOR.
THERE BETTER NOT BE A BUNCH OF WEEPINBELL LYING IN WAIT...
LOOM
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
WE TOLD YOU, THIS ENTIRE TOWER IS A TRAINING PAGODA.
SKILLED YOUTH COME FROM ACROSS THE LAND TO TRAIN.
FLOOR 3
?
FLOOR 2
FLOOR 1
FIRST IS A HALL OF STUDY, DEDICATED TO KNOWLEDGE.
NEXT IS A BATTLE ARENA FOR HONING THE SKILLS OF TRAINERS.
WHILE THE TOP FLOOR IS DEDICATED TO THE HONING OF ONESELF.
HOO-HOO...
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT LEAVING US?


THREE— A TOTO-DILE!
YES, YES.
TWO— MEAN LITTLE EYES.
YES, YES.
YES I'M SERIOUS! I'M GONNA DESCRIBE THE GUY I'M LOOKING FOR ONE MORE TIME— SO LISTEN! ONE— LONG RED HAIR.
SOME-THING LIKE HIM?
YES! EXACTLY LIKE HIM!
GONG!
HUH ?


IT'S HIM !!!
STOP !!
TM
...
TOTO-DILE-SLASH !!
FWSH


WOOOOO
AIBO!
NKH!
KLATATA
I AM **NOT** LETTING YOU GET AWAY!!
HF HF
WHOA!
KSH


...
NOT YOU, SILVER! NOT AFTER CHASING YOU ALL THE WAY FROM NEW BARK TOWN.
GOMP
98 Totodile Rock

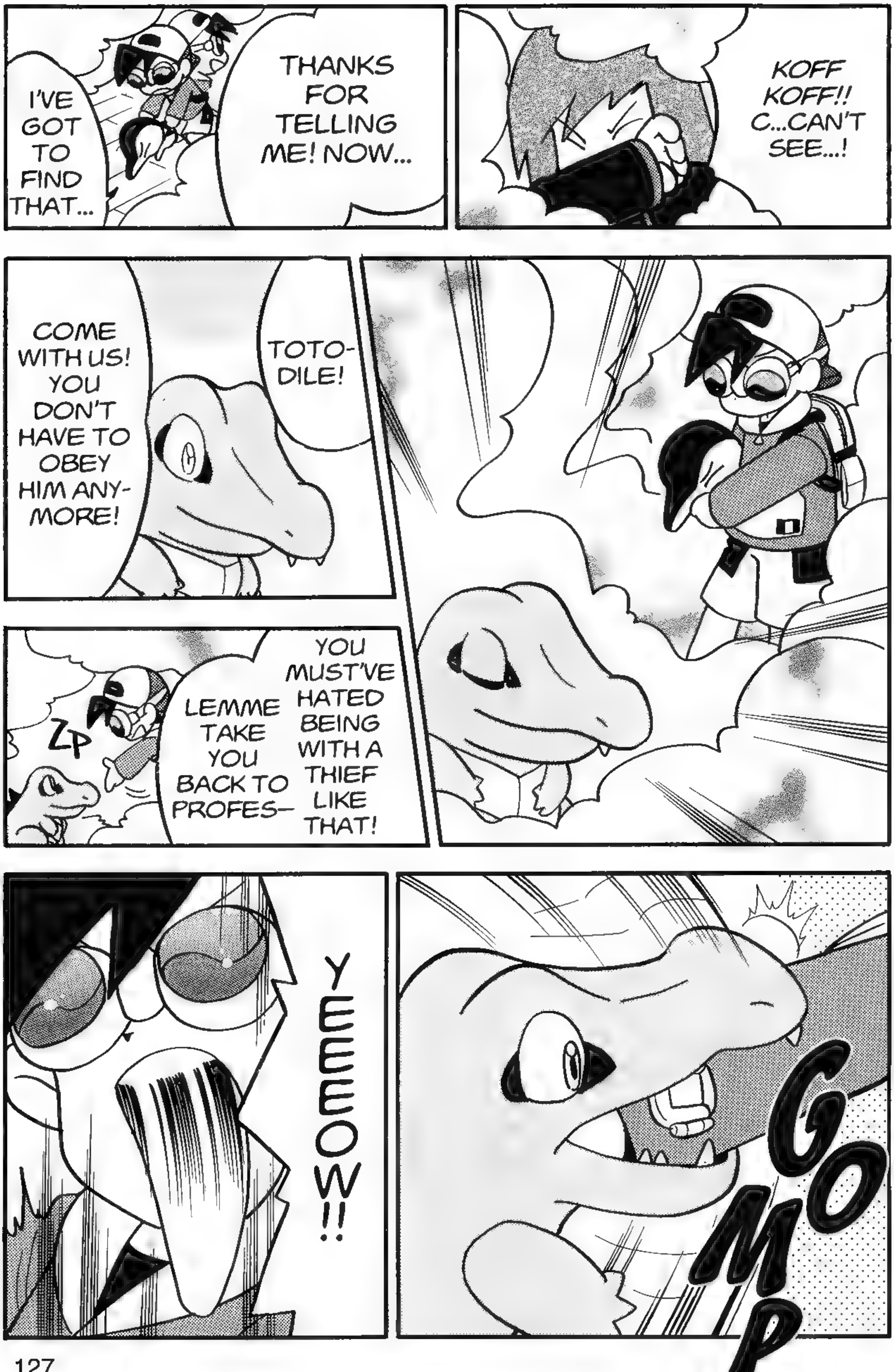

G GGGGG...
TOTO-DILE! SCRATCH!!
FWIP
FSH
EXBO! TACKLE!!
BM
FSH


NOW GIVE BACK THE TOTODILE YOU STOLE FROM PROFESSOR ELM!!
GOM
...
WHY?
...YOU WOULDN'T HAVE STOLEN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, HUH?
YOINK
SIGH. I GUESS IF YOU'D GIVE IT BACK AFTER BEING ASKED POLITELY...
BUT Y'KNOW, I'VE GOTTA GET IT BACK TO FULFILL MY PROMISE TO THE PROF.
SO ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M JUST GONNA HAVE TO—
—TAKE IT!!


GWOB
WATER GUN!
OOSH
EMBER !!
WSH
PTPTPTPTPT
SSHH
I KNOW! I KNOW IT!
WATER DOUSES FIRE!
TOTO-DILE IS A PERFECT MATCH FOR CYNDA-QUIL! BECAUSE ...
AGH!
SSZZ
ZZSS


WMP
SS SSS
THAT'S GOTTA MATTER!
EXBO'S JUST GOTTA KEEP FIGHTING!
BUT I TOOK INTO ACCOUNT EXBO'S FEELINGS... HOW MUCH EXBO WANTS TO BRING TOTODILE HOME TO THE RESEARCH CENTER.
I DON'T DOUBT THAT EXBO HAS STRONG FEELINGS. BUT THERE ARE... YOU KNOW... PHYSICAL REALITIES HERE...
FIRE
WATER
GRASS
...
...
THE POWER OF EMOTION ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN FIND IN TEXT-BOOKS... BUT...
SPT SPT SPT
FWOOSH
IT'S REAL!!
WHAT?!


SSSS
ALL THIS SMOKE ...!
FILL-ING UP THE ROOM !!
JUST LIKE I PLANNED!
SMOKESCREEN!!
WATER'S STRONG AGAINST FIRE. FIRE'S STRONG AGAINST GRASS. AND GRASS IS STRONG AGAINST WATER!
I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE!
BUT IF EXBO WANTS TO FIGHT, THEN WE HAVE TO WIN, NO MATTER WHAT!


THANKS FOR TELLING ME! NOW...
I'VE GOT TO FIND THAT...
KOFF KOFF!! C...CAN'T SEE...!
TOTO-DILE!
COME WITH US! YOU DON'T HAVE TO OBEY HIM ANY-MORE!
YOU MUST'VE HATED BEING WITH A THIEF LIKE THAT!
LEMME TAKE YOU BACK TO PROFES-
ZP
YEEEOW!!
GOMP


DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO BE WITH THIS CREEP INSTEAD OF ELM?!!
HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
PFF PFF
HUH?
WSH
FINE. TOTO-DILE WON'T TELL YOU.
HEH
WEEZ
WRRRL
I CAN SEE AGAIN, THANKS.
BAP
THAT IS ONE LAME POKÉ-MON.
FSH FSH
I MEAN, COME ON! A CAM-OUFLAGE ATTACK?



I WON'T WASTE TOTODILE'S TIME WITH SILLY TRICKS.
FHOOOO
THAT'S WHY TOTODILE WANTS TO STAY WITH ME. I'LL TEACH TOTODILE HOW TO USE ITS POWER!
IT'S ELM'S FAULT.
YOU'RE WRONG !!
IS SOMETHING... RUMBLING?
EH ?!
RRRR
RRR
WITH THAT PERPETUAL GRIN OF YOURS, I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT...
TOTODILE, IS THAT TRUE?!
GAAAAAAA!
VOP
SHOK
AGH!! SPIKES FROM THE WALLS !!
HMF!
SHK


HOOOOO
NO TIME TO DODGE IT!!
CATCH IT!!
FAP
ZZ...ZZ
WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE ANYWAY?!!
IT'S A MECHANISM IN THE SPROUT TOWER TO TEST THE TRAINEES! THAT STUPID SMOKE OF YOURS MUST'VE TRIGGERED IT!
RRRAAGH!!



YOU'RE NOT GONNA BLAME THIS ON ME !!
KRRUNK
KII
WHATEVER! IT'S A POKÉMON TRAINING EXERCISE, RIGHT?!
SO, TOTO-DILE—SAVE US!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SMASHED THE STAIRS ...
SO WE DON'T HAVE A WAY OUT!!
GGGG...
NOD
NOD
CREEP CREEP
EXBO?! WHAT CAN YOU DO?!
FWOO
PF
...?!
EXBO IS SIGNAL-ING... TOTO-DILE...?!



FOOOSH
EXBO'S FLAME IS BACK!! BUT... WHAT'S THAT GONNA DO?!
MMMMM...
EXBO CAN'T MELT THE BALL WITHOUT MELTING US FIRST! OW! OW!
I GET IT.
...!! OH!! I GET IT!!
KEEP IT UP, EXBO!! DON'T MIND US!! USE YOUR FLAME!!
MEEEE
THAT'S IT, TOTODILE! BUILD UP YOUR COLD... BUILD IT... AND...
WOK
ICE PUNCH!!
KKKKKKKKK



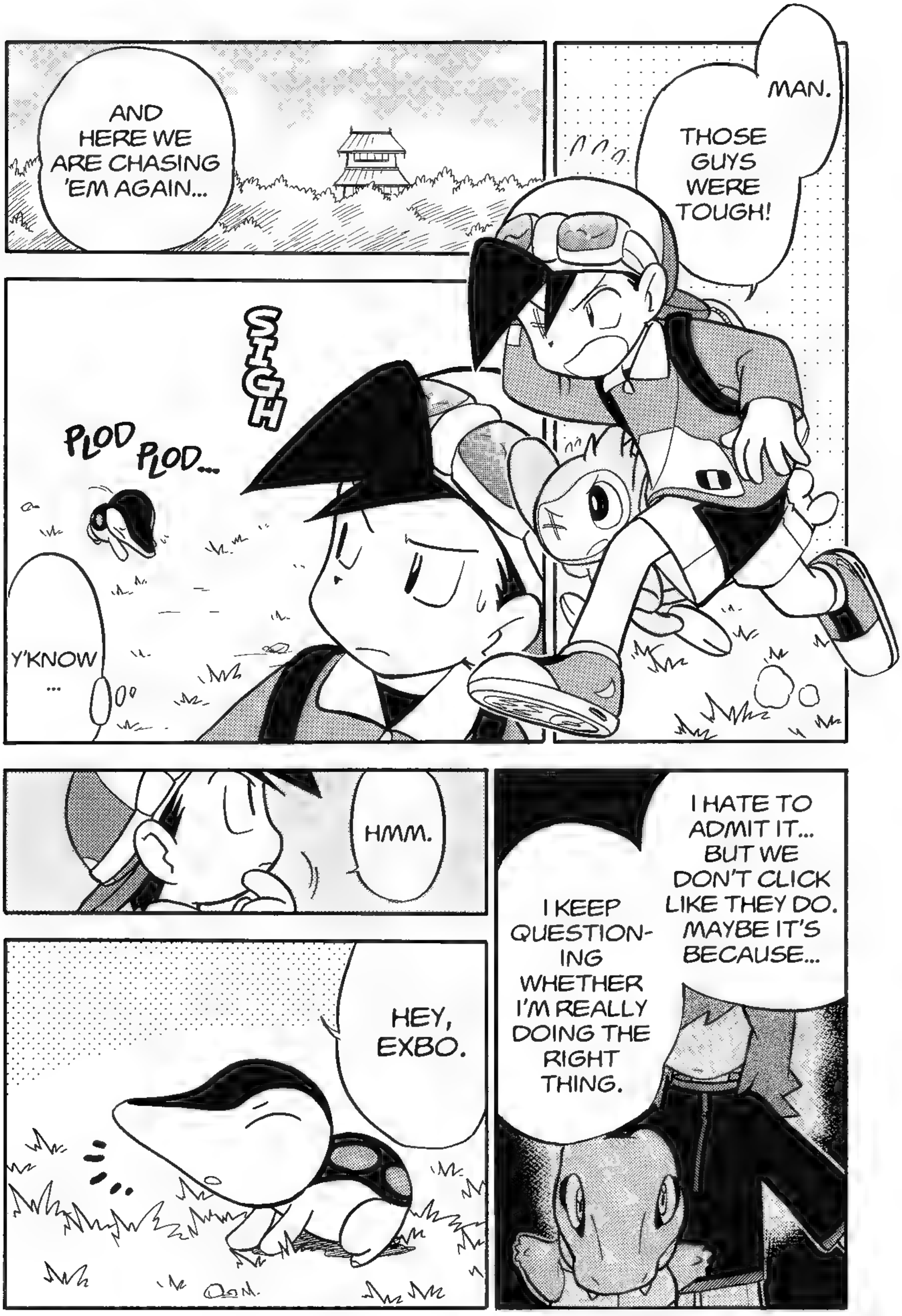
KWAM
FP
YOU DID IT!
WP
WP
EXBO!
WP
IT LOOKS LIKE I OWE YOU ONE, TOTO...
YOU KNEW THAT SUDDEN CHANGES OF TEMPER-ATURE CAN CRACK SOLID METAL!
I CAN TELL YOU TWO WERE RAISED BY A SCIENTIST. HA HA!
WHAT ?!
G-GONE ?!


THEY ...
...GOT AWAY ?!
FLIP
WE RAN INTO A LITTLE TROUBLE, BUT...
BING!
FLIP
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
TOTODILE HAS EVOLVED INTO CROCONAW!
VOOP!!

99 Sunkern Treasure




MEANWHILE, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR FELLOW SUSPECTS, THE FUCHSIA AND VIRIDIAN CITY GYM LEADERS, REMAIN UNKNOWN.
THESE GYMS CONTINUE TO BE RUN WITHOUT A LEADER.
GYM
GYM
THEY WERE ONLY SUSPECTED OF COOPERATION WITH TEAM ROCKET. THERE WAS NO PROOF.
EXCUSE ME!
THESE PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO LEND THEIR ABILITIES TO BRINGIN' UP THE LEVEL OF ALL THE TRAINERS IN THE REGION! WELL, TO MAKE SURE NOTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS IN JOHTO...
IN MY VIEW, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS FIND NEW LEADERS FOR FUCHSIA AND VIRIDIAN.
AND IN ANY CASE, TEAM ROCKET HAS DISSOLVED... AND THE NEW VERMILION AND SAFFRON GYM LEADERS ARE FILLING THEIR DUTIES ADMIRABLY.
AM I RIGHT, BILL?
INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT ISSUES BEYOND YOUR PURVIEW, I SUGGEST YOU FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ALONE CAN DO... RESTORING THE POKÉMON STORAGE SYSTEM!


AND HERE WE ARE CHASING 'EM AGAIN...
MAN.
THOSE GUYS WERE TOUGH!
SIGH
PLOD PLOD...
Y'KNOW ...
HMM.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT... BUT WE DON'T CLICK LIKE THEY DO. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...
I KEEP QUESTION-ING WHETHER I'M REALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING.
HEY, EXBO.


... THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT.
I'M STILL SWORN TO BRING THAT THIEF IN. BUT MAYBE ...
TOTODILE REALLY SEEMS TO WANT TO BE WITH THAT JERK.
WRRRL
YOU WANT TO STOP TRYING TO GET TOTODILE BACK?
IF YOU STAY WITH ME, YOU'LL KEEP FINDING YOURSELF IN SITUATIONS WHERE YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT YOUR OLD FRIEND.
THINK ABOUT IT, EXBO.
SORRY. I'M NOT TRYING TO GIVE YOU A HEAD-ACHE OR ANYTHING.
IT'S JUST... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS.
...
I CAN STILL TAKE YOU BACK TO PROFESSOR ELM'S PLACE.


WUMP
ANY-WAY, I'M BEAT!
LET'S BOTH SLEEP ON IT, OKAY?
WELL... I DON'T NEED AN ANSWER ANYTIME SOON...
SHH...
SHH...
VSH
VSH VSH VSH
VSH
HOOO
AAAAGH!
WHOA !!
WHAT'S WITH THE WIND?!


?
DO THEY TRAVEL IN PACKS?
PIP
SUN-KERN...
POING
WHAT WAS THAT?!
FLAPFLAP...
WUMP
THEY KNOW HOW TO RUIN A GOOD NAP ANYWAY.
PIDGEOT! NOCTOWL! RETURN!
FLAPFLAP
W... WAIT A MINUTE...
YARG!! ANOTHER POKÉMON NOW?!
FLAP FLAP FLAP


EH...?
AREN'T YOU...?
YOU! YOU'RE ...
GONG
I FOR-GET.
YEAH! YOU'RE THAT COP!
RE-MEMBER CREATING THE COM-POSITE PICTURE OF THAT THIEF?
YAWN
I DIDN'T RECOG-NIZE YOU WITHOUT YOUR UNIFORM.
WHAT-CHA DOING OUT HERE ANYWAY ...?
I GUESS I HAVEN'T INTRO-DUCED MYSELF.
NAME'S FALKNER. I'M OFF DUTY TODAY. CAME OUT TO TRAIN.
WHOA. I DIDN'T KNOW POLICE DID POKÉMON TRAINING TOO!
THIS IS PURELY MY OWN DREAM.
DREAM ...?

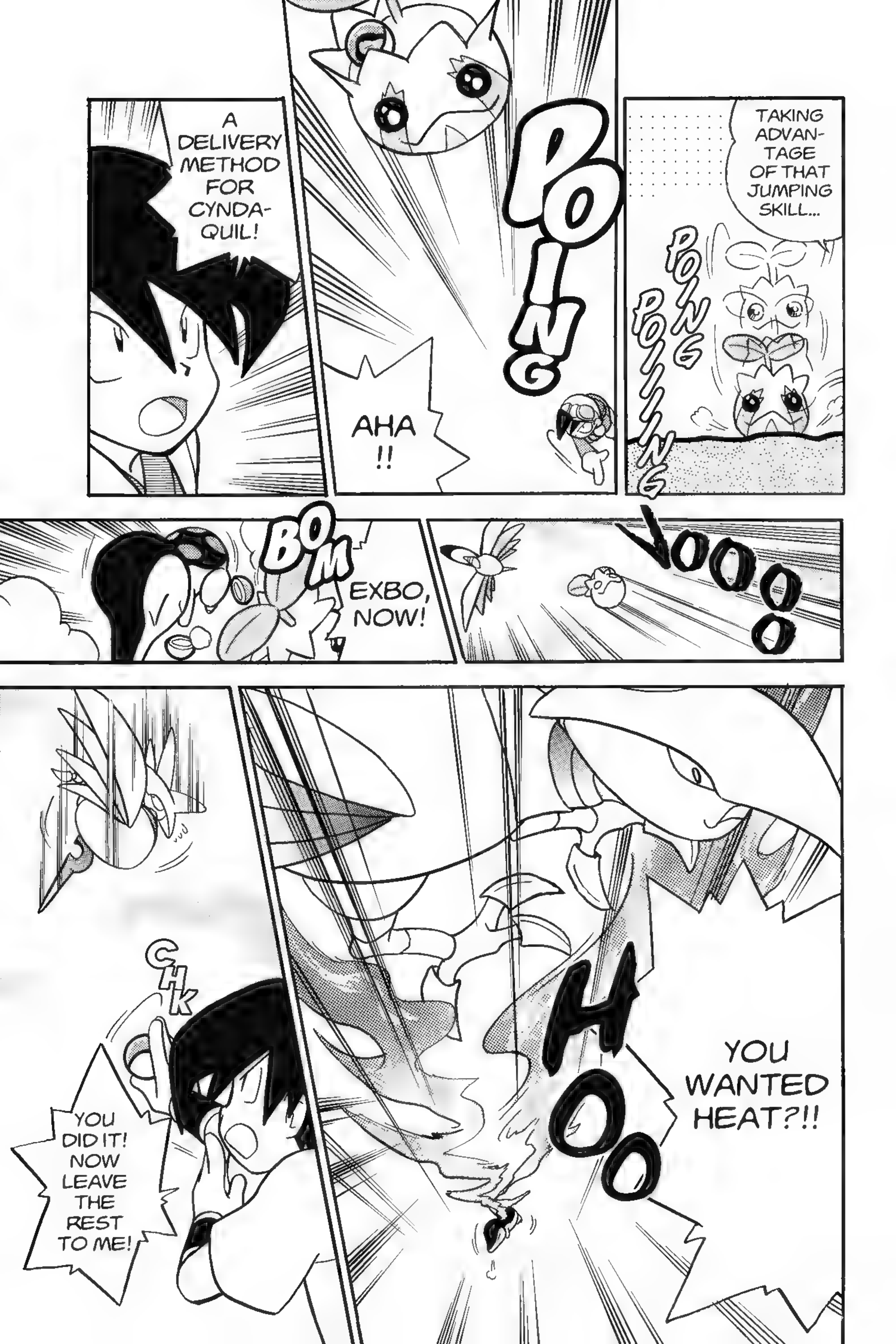

HAVE YOU BEEN TO VIOLET CITY?
DID YOU SEE THE GYM?
VIOLET GYM
MY FATHER WAS THE GYM LEADER THERE. RIGHT NOW HE'S IN A... SITUATION... WHERE HE'S HAD TO GO INTO HIDING.
SO FAR NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO REPLACE HIM.
I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO CARRY ON MY FATHER'S WORK.
THAT'S WHY I KEEP TRAINING LIKE THIS! SO I CAN PASS THE POKÉMON LEAGUE'S QUALIFYING EXAM!
THAT'S MY ONLY GOAL!
GOAL...
OCCURS TO ME... THAT SILVER ISN'T ACTING LIKE HE STOLE THAT TOTODILE JUST SO HE COULD SELL IT...
HAS HE GOT SOME BIGGER GOAL TOO...?
HOOO
HM?


BOF!
AWP !!
GOLD, GET DOWN!
HOOOO
I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF A NEW KIND OF POKÉMON RAMPAGING IN THIS AREA!
THIS ISN'T JUST ANY WIND!
VOOOO
IT'S THAT WIND AGAIN!
WITH A BODY LIKE STEEL!
A HUGE POKÉMON ...
THE SUNKERN AGAIN !!
POING
POING
WAIT... THAT'S ...
POING

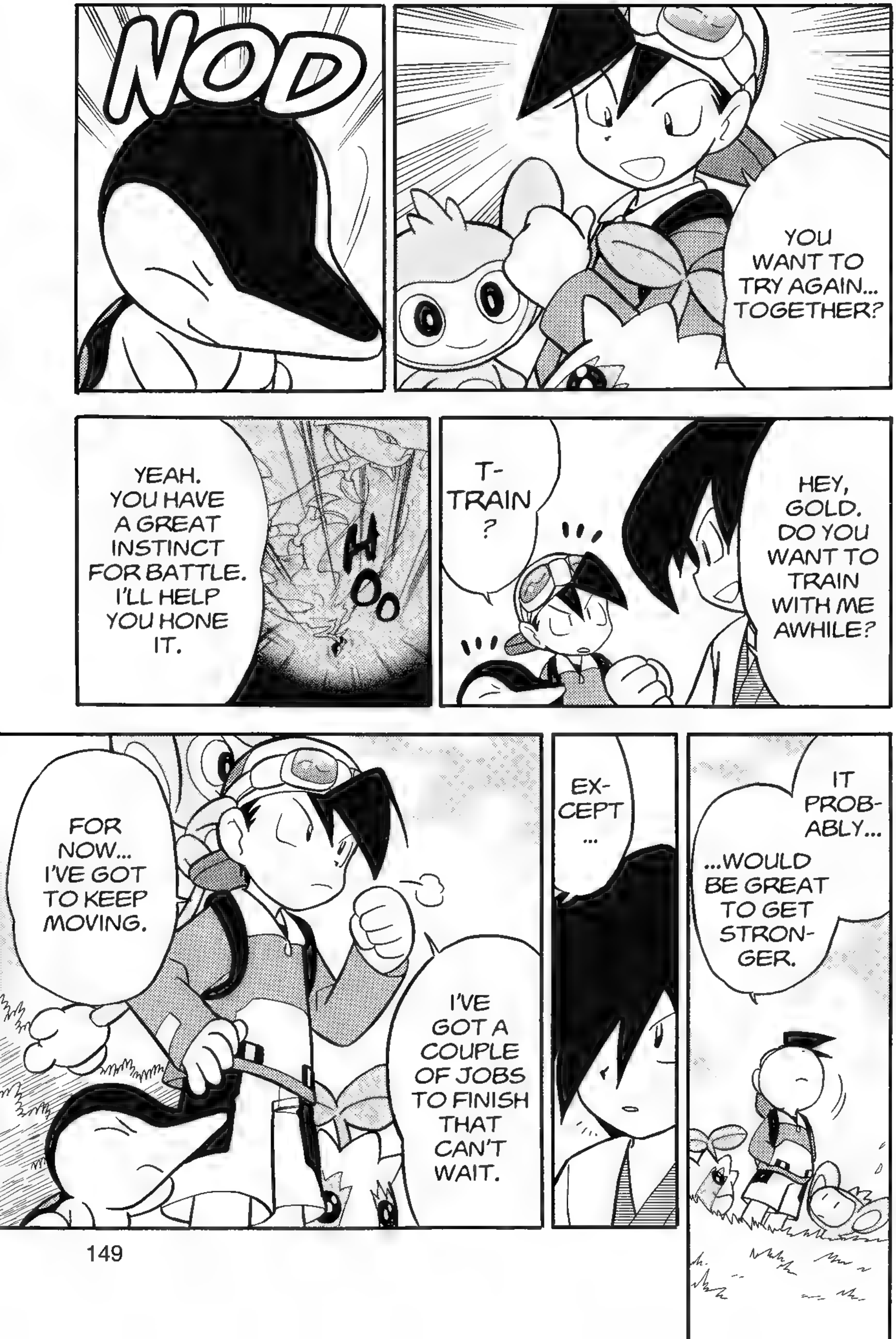

LET'S GO!
PID-GEOT! NOCT-OWL !!
WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY KEEP RUNNING BACK AND FORTH.
OR... BOUNC-ING I MEAN.
POIWNG
THEY MUST BE RUNNING AWAY FROM THAT HUGE POKÉMON.
KANG
KANG
YOUR POKÉMON ARE REALLY PRESSING THAT THING!
BUT THEY CAN'T DEAL THE DECIDING BLOW.
KING
KING
AN AERIAL BATTLE!


WHOK
NO !!
BUT ...
WE'VE FOUGHT AGAINST THAT POKÉMON ONCE BEFORE.
THAT METAL SHELL DEFIED US!
BUT IT'S GOTTA ...
... HAVE A WEAK SPOT, RIGHT ?!
PIDGEOT! KEEP BACK!
YOU'D THINK... BUT WHAT WEAKENS METAL? MAGNETISM... RUST... INTENSE HEAT...
HEAT ?!
BING!
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE A JOB FOR...
... EXBO !!


PAP
AIBO, GRAB IT!
BON
HYAH!!
BUT NOT EVEN A JUMP SHOT WITH A POOL CUE WOULD GET YOU WAY UP THERE.
POING
HUH?
RATTLE
RATTLE
HO! CAN'T WAIT TO GET 'IM, EH?
YOU WANT TO HELP ME STOP THAT POKÉMON?
JUST YOU WATCH!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, GOLD?
BOM
YOU'RE A POKÉMON AFTER MY OWN HEART, SUNKERN!
SO LET'S GO!!
BOM


TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT JUMPING SKILL...
POING POING POIIIING
POING
AHA !!
A DELIVERY METHOD FOR CYNDAQUIL!
VOOOOO
BOM
EXBO, NOW!
YOU WANTED HEAT?!!
HOOO
CHK
YOU DID IT! NOW LEAVE THE REST TO ME!


GOT IT!!
BON
THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, GOLD.
NOTHIN' SPECIAL FOR ME!
THANK YOU.
TO-GETHER, HUH...?
WHADDYA THINK, EXBO?
OBVIOUSLY I HAVE A LOT MORE TRAINING TO DO.
WE CAN DO IT TO-GETHER... CAN'T WE, TEAM?
MAYBE GETTING TOTODILE BACK JUST MEANS ...
...MORE TRAINING TOGETHER.


NOD
YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN... TOGETHER?
YEAH. YOU HAVE A GREAT INSTINCT FOR BATTLE. I'LL HELP YOU HONE IT.
HOO
HEY, GOLD. DO YOU WANT TO TRAIN WITH ME AWHILE?
T-TRAIN?
FOR NOW... I'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING.
I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF JOBS TO FINISH THAT CAN'T WAIT.
EX-CEPT...
IT PROB-ABLY...
...WOULD BE GREAT TO GET STRON-GER.


IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU SUCCEED OR FAIL. GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!
YEAH ... I KNOW ALL ABOUT MISSIONS THAT CAN'T WAIT.
SEE YOU AGAIN, FALKNER!
YOU TOO!
IS THAT... A POKÉDEX ...?
HM?
ANY-WAY.
I CAN'T BE DAWDLIN'. I'VE GOT TO FIND THIS GUY, FALKNER...
...AND LET HIM KNOW THE DATE FOR THE QUALIFYIN' EXAM HAS BEEN SET!
GYM LEADER QUALIFYING EXAM
MR. FALKNER


HELLO, PROFESSOR ELM?
HE HASN'T COME UP ON THE POKÉ-GEAR EITHER.
IF ONLY THE STORAGE SYSTEM WERE BACK UP.
I'VE ARRIVED IN VIOLET CITY...
...BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF GOLD.
I SEE.
UM, PRO-FESSOR, I KNOW IT'S A BIT LATE TO BRING THIS UP... BUT...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GIVE SUCH AN IMPOR-TANT ITEM TO A RECKLESS KID LIKE THAT?
WELL ...
THE BEST WAY TO HATCH IT...
...IS TO BE NEAR HIGH-ENERGY POKÉ-MON.
AND SINCE IT WASN'T REACTING HERE AT THE CENTER...
YOU THOUGHT GOLD AND HIS CRAZY POKÉMON MIGHT DO IT...
IN ANY CASE, I WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM...
...THAT MYSTERY EGG!


KRAKL
WOO-HOO!!
LOOKS GOOD!!
LET'S SEE...
DLOOOB
HMM. NOT THERE QUITE YET. EXBO, COULD YOU TURN UP THE HEAT A LITTLE?
SLURP
SSSSZZZ
...
WAGH !!
FOOOSH


PIP
WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY?
Ruins of Alph
Johto
LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL NEED TO WORK ON THAT FINESSE.
WHATEVER. WE'VE STILL GOT TO FIND POLIBO...
100 Into the Unown
RUINS, HUH? THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN ALL THESE PILES OF ROCKS...
VIP VIP
HUH?
YOW! SHE'S CUTE!


WELL HELLO, MISS.
TP
HUH ...?
MUST BE BORING, TOURING THESE RUINS ALONE.
GLEEM
YOU WANNA GO GET SOME TEA OR SOME-THING?
UM...
OH! THE NAME'S GOLD. I'M FROM NEW BARK TOWN.
I'M BUGSY. FROM AZALEA TOWN. AND YOU DO KNOW...
... DON'T YOU... THAT I'M A **GUY**?
FOMP
D-DUH! OF C-COURSE I KNEW!
HMF
AND ONE MORE THING.
I'M NOT TOURING THE RUINS. I'M LOOKING FOR MY FRIENDS WHO'VE GONE MISSING.
YOUR FRIENDS ARE MISSING ?!
WE'RE ALL IN THIS RUINS EXPLORATION CLUB. THEY WERE POKING AROUND HERE YESTERDAY...
...WHEN SUDDENLY ALL COMMUNI-CATION STOPPED!


PING!
MISSING?!
WELL, IT'S ONE OF MY POKÉMON.
IT'S GONE MISSING, AND I'M TRYING TO TRACK IT DOWN.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ACTUALLY... I DON'T REALLY EVEN KNOW WHEN OR WHERE POLIBO WENT MISSING...
MAYBE IT WAS CAPTURED BY WHOEVER KIDNAPPED MY FRIENDS!
TP TP
REALLY...?
SOUNDS LIKE WHAT I'VE HEARD...
...ABOUT THE FISHING HOLE...
WHAT?! N-NO... WAIT...!
OKAY, EXBO...
NOD NOD
YOU HEAR SOMETHING FROM INSIDE THERE? VOICES?
FAP
HUH? WHAT'S UP, AIBO?



FWOOSH
BLAST IT DOWN!!
NO!! THAT'S A CULTURAL TREASURE!! STOP IT!!
AND IF THOSE VOICES ARE YOUR MISSING FRIENDS?! WOULDN'T YOU...
KR OOOM
HEY !!
IT'S CRUMB-LING!!
LET'S GO!!
HWSH
THIS ...
...JUST ISN'T RIGHT.
WHERE ...?
WAIT'LL MY EYES ADJUST AND...
HUH ?

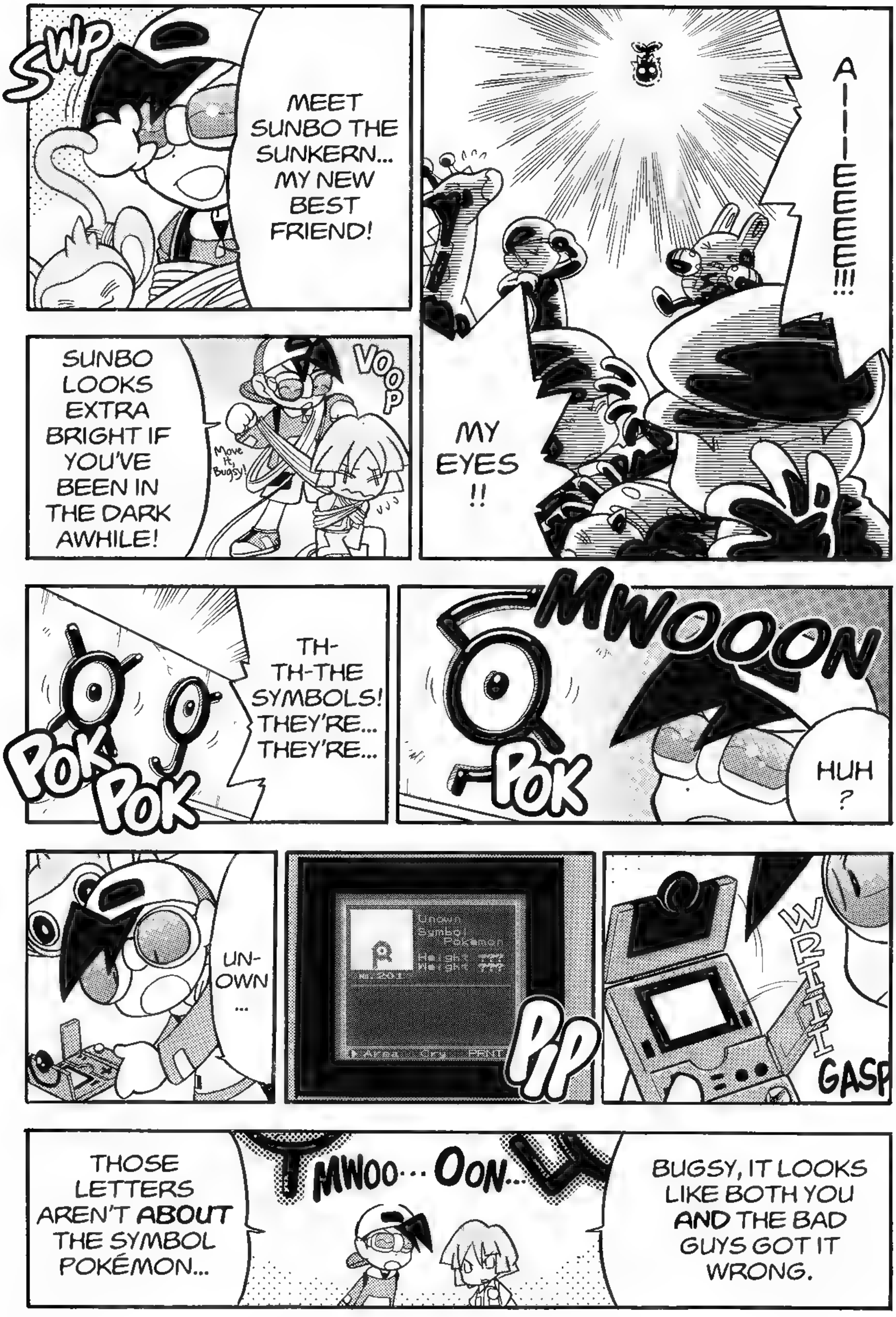

WHAT'S THAT?! IS IT SOME KIND OF CODE?
HEY HEY HEY! TRY TALKING TO ME INSTEAD OF YOURSELF!
FLIP FLIP
I NEVER IMAGINED I'D FIND... THIS!
MY GOODNESS ...
THIS STRUCTURE HAS STOOD HERE FOR OVER 1,500 YEARS.
THERE IS A THEORY THAT THE MYSTERIOUS SYMBOL POKÉMON ONCE LIVED HERE...
BUT NO ONE'S FOUND ANY PROOF... UNTIL NOW!
SYMBOL POKÉMON ?!!
IF WE CAN DECODE THESE CHARACTERS...
...WE MAY FIND THEY TELL US ALL ABOUT THOSE ANCIENT CREATURES.
WOW ...
SO THIS WAS WRITTEN 1,500 YEARS AGO?

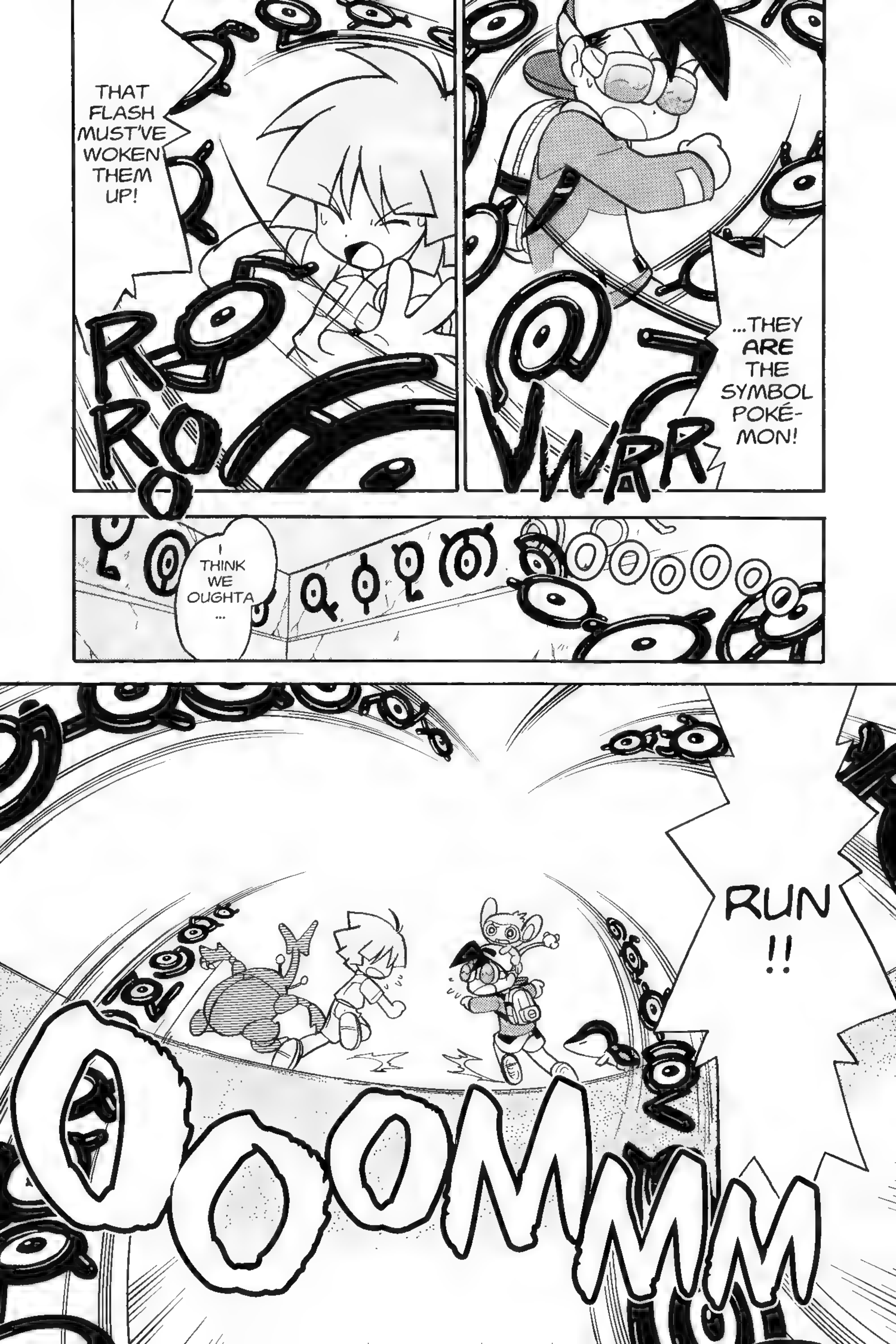


SOME LEGENDS SAY THAT HUMANS AND POKÉMON LIVED TOGETHER EVEN THEN.
TO SEE EVIDENCE OF THOSE LEGENDS WITH MY OWN EYES ...
Y'KNOW, THIS IS REALLY EXCITING ...
BUT WEREN'T YOU TRYING TO FIND YOUR FRIENDS ...?
OH... R-RIGHT. SORRY. HA HA HA...
THIS HALL KEEPS GOING DEEPER IN.
THE VOICES PROBABLY CAME FROM IN THERE...
TM
SHULULU
HEY !!
VRP
WHAT ... WHAT ...?!
THANKS SO MUCH FOR SMASHING OPEN THE SECRET CHAMBER.
WHO ARE YOU ?!

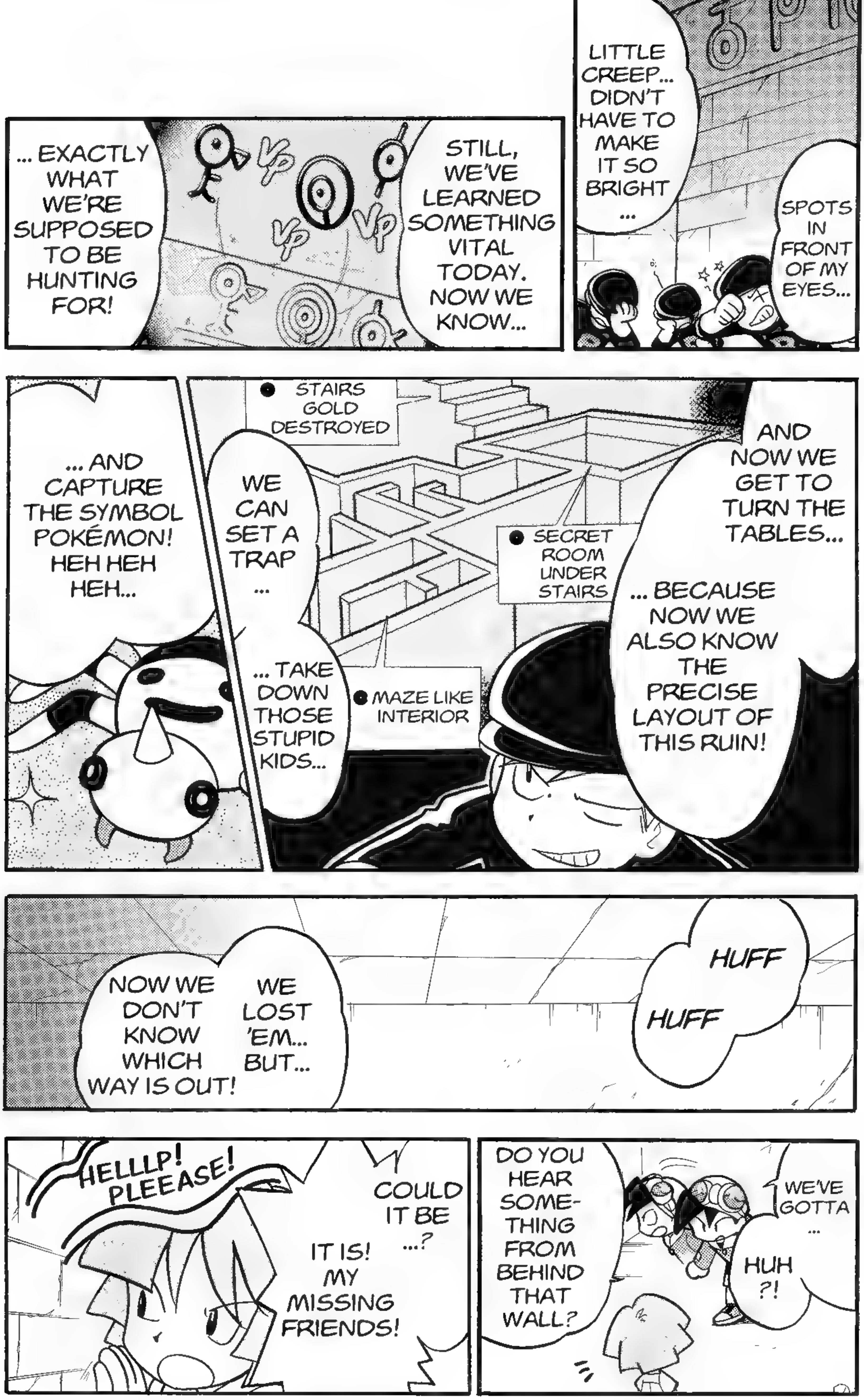

WE THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY IN...
...WAS SOLVING THIS PUZZLE IN THE STONES.
TA-DAA
BUT NOW WE CAN JUST WALK IN AND GRAB THOSE SYMBOL POKÉMON!
TEAM ROCKET?! BUT THEY SAID YOU WERE DE-STROYED !!
EXBO- GET 'EM!
SORRY. CYNDA-QUIL'S TOO CON-STRICT-ED TO IGNITE.
GRRNNNN
ELEKID !!
ZZZAK
VM
NOW WE COLLECT THE POKÉMON ESSENTIAL TO RESUR-RECTING OUR ORGANI-ZATION!
AND YOU GET TO WATCH!
BZZAK


ZZZZ
OKAY... OKAY... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NOTHING... WE CAN DO...
HF HF
WP
ZZZZZZ
KCH★
'CEPT THIS!!
FSH
BOM
KWEEEEEE
SUNBO- FLASH!!
POF


SWP
MEET SUNBO THE SUNKERN... MY NEW BEST FRIEND!
A-I-I-EEEEE!!!
MY EYES !!
SUNBO LOOKS EXTRA BRIGHT IF YOU'VE BEEN IN THE DARK AWHILE!
VOOP
Move it, Bugsy!
TH- TH-THE SYMBOLS! THEY'RE... THEY'RE...
POK POK
MWOOON
POK
HUH ?
UN- OWN ...
Unown
Symbol Pokémon
Height ???
Weight ???
No.201
Area Cry PRNT
PIP
WRITI
GASP
THOSE LETTERS AREN'T ABOUT THE SYMBOL POKÉMON...
MWOO... OON...
BUGSY, IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH YOU AND THE BAD GUYS GOT IT WRONG.



THAT FLASH MUST'VE WOKEN THEM UP!
RO RO RO
...THEY ARE THE SYMBOL POKÉ-MON!
VWRR
I THINK WE OUGHTA ...
RUN !!
OOOMMMM


LITTLE CREEP... DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE IT SO BRIGHT ...
SPOTS IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
STILL, WE'VE LEARNED SOMETHING VITAL TODAY. NOW WE KNOW...
... EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HUNTING FOR!
AND NOW WE GET TO TURN THE TABLES...
... BECAUSE NOW WE ALSO KNOW THE PRECISE LAYOUT OF THIS RUIN!
STAIRS GOLD DESTROYED
SECRET ROOM UNDER STAIRS
MAZE LIKE INTERIOR
WE CAN SET A TRAP ...
... TAKE DOWN THOSE STUPID KIDS...
... AND CAPTURE THE SYMBOL POKÉMON! HEH HEH HEH...
HUFF
HUFF
WE LOST 'EM... BUT...
NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY IS OUT!
WE'VE GOTTA ...
HUH ?!
DO YOU HEAR SOME-THING FROM BEHIND THAT WALL?
COULD IT BE ...?
IT IS! MY MISSING FRIENDS!
HELLLP! PLEEASE!


IT'S SPINARAK'S SPIDER WEB.
A WEB?!
NOW WE'VE JUST GOTTA GET 'EM OUT OF THERE!
VSH
WE'VE GOT TO GO A DIFFER-ENT WAY!
AS A BUG-TYPE POKÉMON SPECIALIST, I KNOW!
RP
HE !!
BUT DIFFERENT FROM THE THREAD THEY USED BEFORE... STICKIER!
THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO SURREN-DER!
RG!
AND BEHIND US NOW!! WE'RE TRAPPED !!
WAIT!! IT'S HERE TOO!!!



VOOO
AND I HEAR THE UNOWN COMING FROM THE OTHER WAY!! WHAT CAN WE DO?!
TM TM TM TM
FOOT-STEPS!
THEY'RE COMING FOR US, BUGSY!
...ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS BLOCK THE EXIT... AND WE'VE GOT EVERYBODY!!
OOOOO
HEH HEH... WHEN THE SYMBOL POKÉMON COME AFTER THEM...
OOMMM
WHAT?! THE POKÉ-MON ARE IN THE WEB?!
AND WHERE ARE THOSE KIDS?!
!
W-WHAT'S ALL THIS SMOKE?!
SSSS
KOK
ZAK


W-WAIT... WE'RE NOT THE ONES...
GLNK
LNK
...WHO BROKE INTO... YOUR...
WMP
AIEEE!!!
KZZZZZ
PWIP
PWIP
YES!
IT WORKED!
FMP
PAP PAP PAP
THANKS TO EXBO'S SMOKE-SCREEN, THE UNOWN GOT CAUGHT, AND WE STAYED HIDDEN!
SSS
AND NOW I'D LIKE TO BE THE FIRST TO TELL OUR HOSTS...
SORRY WE INTER-RUPTED YOUR NAP!


THANKS, GOLD. I COULDN'T HAVE SAVED THEM WITHOUT YOU.
NO SWEAT!
OKAY, THAT'S EVERYONE!
WHAT WAS ONCE JUST A RUIN CAN BECOME A PLACE OF STUDY, OF...
OKAY, BUGSY! I GET IT, I GET IT!
AN EPIC DISCOVERY!!
AND WE FOUND THE UNOWN!
...BUT OUR STUDY OF THEM HAS JUST BEGUN!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR ANCIENT ATTACK, THE "HIDDEN POWER."
WE STILL DON'T KNOW ITS EXACT NATURE...
TAKE CARE, GOLD!
YOU TOO!
NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MY MISSIONS!
SO I'LL SEE YA!
KLUNK


FORGET THE STUPID PUZZLE!
IT'S GONNA TAKE FOR-EVER!
WAIT A MINUTE. DIDN'T WE ALREADY DO THIS ONE?
HERE'S THE HINT... A POKÉMON CRAWLING ON THE FLOOR OF THE ANCIENT OCEAN...
HOOOO
PIP
EH?!
A TRANS-MIS-SION?!
NOT AS LONG AS IT'LL TAKE TO DIG OUR WAY THROUGH ALL THAT ROCK!
WELL?!
DID I MAKE A MISTAKE GATHERING YOU CLOWNS BACK TOGETHER?!
BZZ
EEEK!! BOSS?!
YOU SCREWED UP AGAIN?!!
SO TRY BEING WORTHY OF ME. GOT IT?
N-NO SIR! WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS OUR NEW LEADER!
KZXXZ


ROUTE 32
BUGSY SAID IT WAS AROUND HERE...
...THE PLACE WHERE POKÉMON KEEP GOING MISSING...
101 Teddiursa's Picnic
Route 32
...THE FISHING HOLE.
PIP
GUESS I'D BETTER ASK... NOT THAT THERE'RE MANY PEOPLE AROUND ...
A POKÉ BALL WITH A POLIWAG IN IT?
ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE POKÉMON SNATCHER, HUH?
THEN HE'S HERE?!
WHERE CAN I FIND THIS CREEP?!
DON'T KNOW. HE'S TOO QUICK.
HE SNAGS 'EM AS SOON AS YOU CATCH 'EM.
NO-BODY'S GOTTEN A GOOD LOOK AT HIM.


ARE THEY USING POLIWAG FOR SOME EVIL PLOT?
COULD IT BE TEAM ROCKET AGAIN?
CHK
HE'S FAST, ALL RIGHT ...
WSSH
MY OCTILLERY!
VIP
YOU GOTTA BE ALERT! THAT'S WHY I'M HANGING ON TO MY...
HUH ?!
VYOOO
BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!!
WHOA !!

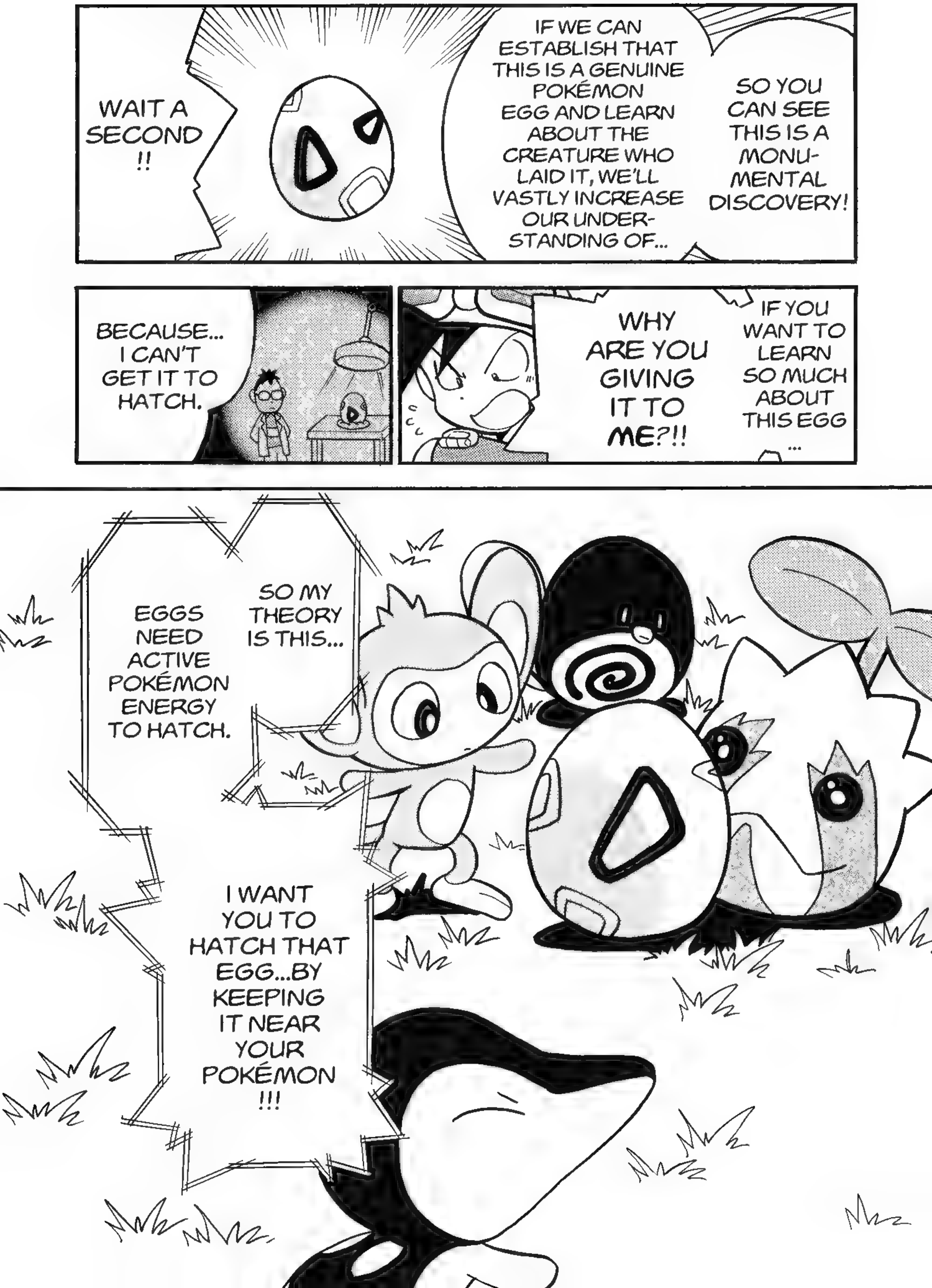

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HUH?! THE POKÉMON THIEF...IS A POKÉMON?!
GONK
WHAT THE ...?!
WHEE!
YOU...
KLLIK
NNNNN
BLOOSH
...
YOU MEAN ... ITS JAW GOT STUCK OPEN... SO IT WAS STEALING POKÉMON TO GET ATTENTION... AND FIND SOMEBODY WHO'D HELP?
AND THE POKÉ BALL HITTING IT FIXED THE WHOLE PROBLEM.
IT'S IN THE POKÉ-DEX. IT'S NAMED GRAN-BULL.


I GUESS IT'S HARD JUST TO WALK UP TO PEOPLE AND ASK FOR HELP WITH A SCARY MUG LIKE THAT.
OKAY. I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE POKÉMON CENTER TO GET THAT JAW LOOKED AT. BUT FIRST...
...GIVE BACK ALL THE POKÉMON YOU STOLE!
NOO NOO
GOLOGOLO
THAT'S A TON !!
OH ...!
BOM
P- POLIBO !!
IT'S REALLY YOU!!
THE RIVER CARRIED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SO SCARED!
WAG WAG


LET'S STAY IN TOUCH. WE CAN TALK POKÉMON SOMETIME.
HANG ON, KID. HERE'S MY PHONE NUMBER.
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, KID.
THANKS! NOW I GOTTA GET BACK TO...
YOU SERIOUS?
I MEAN, WE JUST MET...
HEH
WHAT? YOU DON'T LIKE MAKING NEW FRIENDS?
IT'S NOT THAT! I'M JUST IN A HURRY! SEE YA!
YEAH... SURE...
HE HANDLES POKÉ BALLS ALMOST AS WELL AS YELLOW DOES.
SOMETHING TELLS ME I SHOULD TALK TO YELLOW ABOUT THIS...
I WONDER WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, POLIBO?
WHINE WHINE
OH YEAH! I'M SORRY!


MEET EXBO, AND THIS HERE IS SUNBO. THEY ARE COOL!
SO YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
AND THIS... IS POLIBO.
POLIBO'S STILL LITTLE, SO LOOK AFTER POLIBO, OKAY?
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
ELM RESEARCH CENTER
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FOUND POLIBO!
HEY, COULD YOU SAY HI TO MY MOM TOO?
SURE, BUT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH POLIBO?
OH YEAH ...
THE TRANSFER SYSTEM'S DOWN IN ALL OF JOHTO, HUH? I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE POLIBO WITH ME.
POKÉMON CENTER
BOX 1
I WISH THEY'D GET THAT SYSTEM BACK UP.
NO KIDDING. IF I COULD'VE JUST DONE A TRANSFER...
STAGGER
?
?
WHAT IS IT?


HELLO, GOLD? THAT'S MY ASSISTANT! I'M SO GLAD YOU TWO WERE FINALLY ABLE TO MEET!
SOB
ARE YOU CALLING PROFESSOR ELM? CAN YOU PUT HIM ON?
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
GOLD, I WANT YOU TO KEEP EXBO TO HELP YOU RECOVER TOTODILE.
IN EXCHANGE, CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOMETHING WITH YOU.
THIS POKÉMON EGG!
A POKÉMON EGG?!
BUT WE'VE NEVER SEEN ONE IN AN EGG STATE BEFORE.
ONLY NEW-BORN... OR NEW-HATCHED?
WELL, WE'RE ASSUMING IT'S FROM A POKÉMON AT ANY RATE...


WAIT A SECOND !!
IF WE CAN ESTABLISH THAT THIS IS A GENUINE POKÉMON EGG AND LEARN ABOUT THE CREATURE WHO LAID IT, WE'LL VASTLY INCREASE OUR UNDER-STANDING OF...
SO YOU CAN SEE THIS IS A MONU-MENTAL DISCOVERY!
IF YOU WANT TO LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT THIS EGG ...
WHY ARE YOU GIVING IT TO ME?!!
BECAUSE... I CAN'T GET IT TO HATCH.
SO MY THEORY IS THIS...
EGGS NEED ACTIVE POKÉMON ENERGY TO HATCH.
I WANT YOU TO HATCH THAT EGG...BY KEEPING IT NEAR YOUR POKÉMON !!!

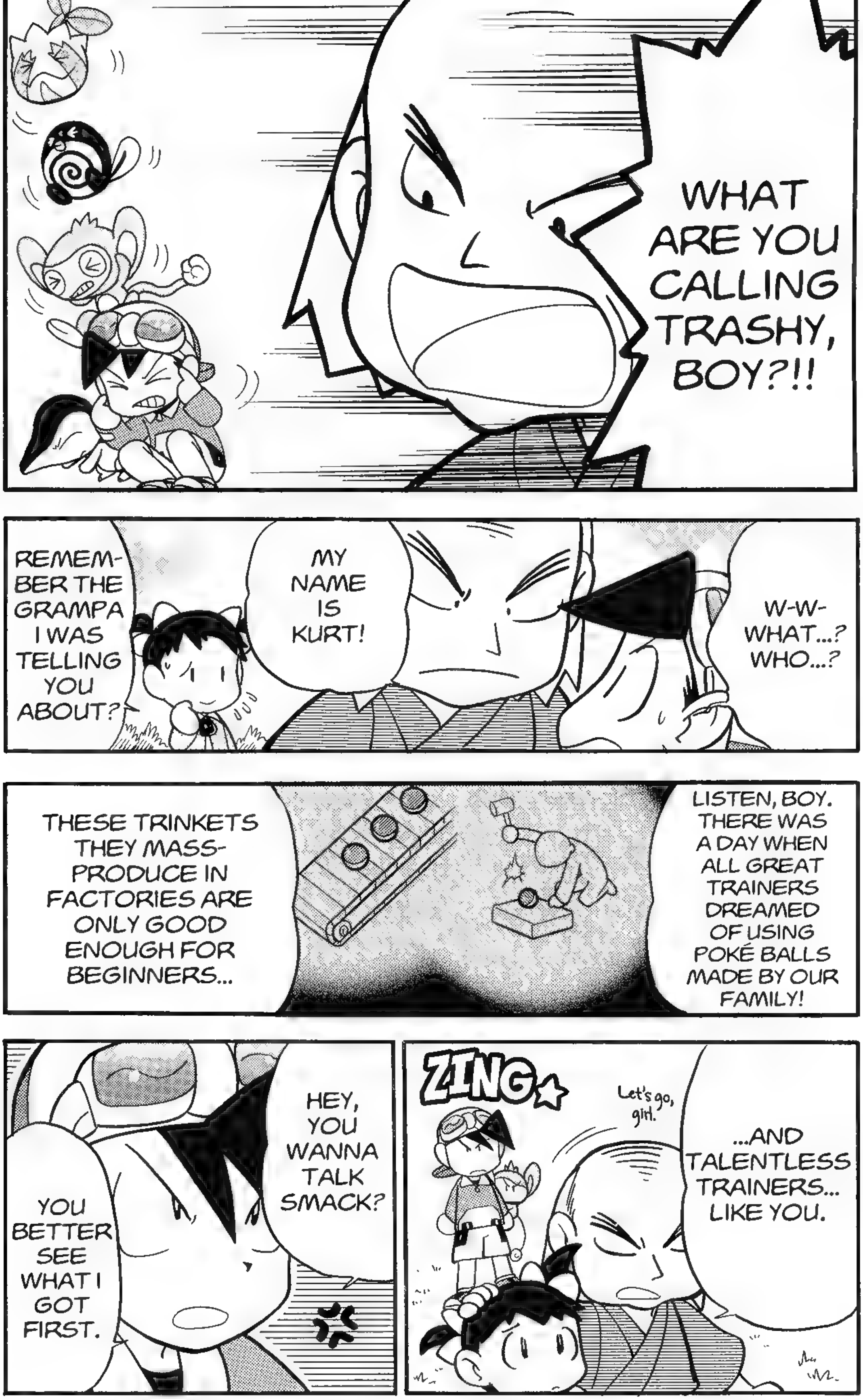

AZALEA TOWN
KLANG KLANG
BY THE WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WITH THIS POKÉ BALL YOU'RE HAVING ME MAKE?
SOME SPECIAL POKÉMON YOU'RE AFTER?
POWERFUL POKÉMON ARE THE ONLY ONES I REALLY WANT.
KLANG
HA HA HA... SUCH INTENSITY YOU HAVE!


WELL, I DON'T CARE.
AS LONG AS I KNOW THE GREAT POKÉ BALLS I FORGE...
...GO TO TRAINERS WHO TRULY KNOW HOW TO USE THEM.
THERE, THE POKÉ BALL MADE FROM THE APRICORN YOU BROUGHT.
TNG
SS
THE FAMOUS "HEAVY BALL."

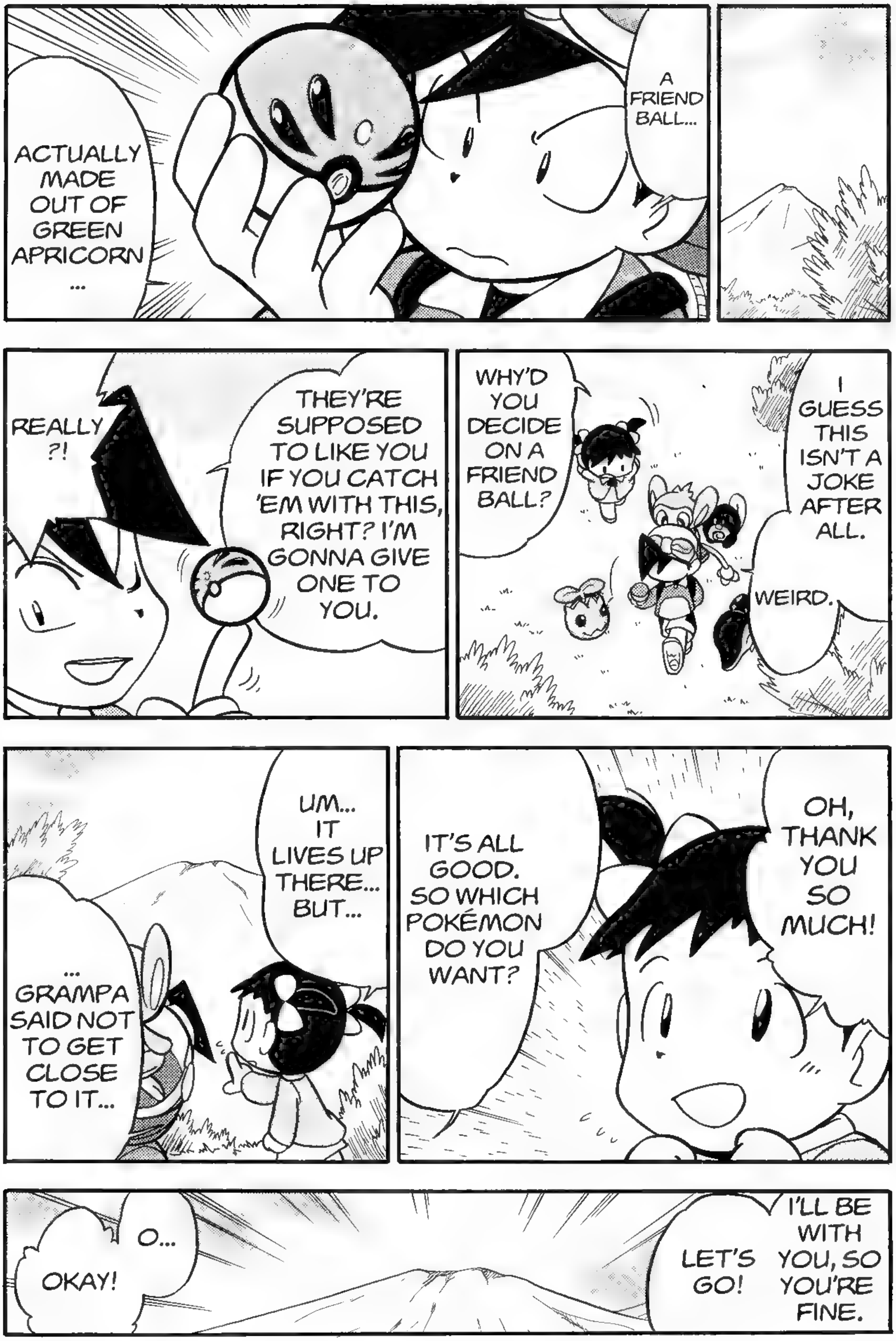

SO... HUNGRY...
WOBBLE
OHHH ...
FRUIT! AND NOT JUST FRUIT... FREE FRUIT!!
HUH ?!
I RAN OUT OF MONEY FROM ALL THE TAKE-OUT I ATE...
...
GOMP
CHOW TIME!!
AGH!! PEH!! PEH!! PEH!!
TEE HEE
YOU'RE FUNNY, MISTER!
THAT'S APRI-CORN FRUIT.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY TRY TO EAT THAT BEFORE.



HERE YOU GO!
RICE BALLS !!
THANKS! I OWE YOU ONE, LITTLE GIRL!!
GMP GMP
YOU AND YOUR POKÉMON! TEE HEE!
MY GRAMPA MAKES POKÉ BALLS FROM THOSE APRICORNS.
HE MAKES A WHOLE BUNCH OF DIFFERENT KINDS TOO...
WHOA WHOA WHOA! HE MAKES POKÉ BALLS OUT OF FRUIT?!
UH-HUH. I WANT POKÉMON TO LIKE ME, SO I ASKED HIM...
...TO MAKE ME A "FRIEND BALL."
BUT HE SAYS HE ONLY MAKES POKÉ BALLS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN REALLY USE THEM.
BALLS MADE OUTTA FRUIT, HUH?
HEH
HA! I'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF TRASHY POKÉ BALLS THOSE ARE!


WHAT ARE YOU CALLING TRASHY, BOY?!!
W-W-WHAT...? WHO...?
MY NAME IS KURT!
REMEMBER THE GRAMPA I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT?
LISTEN, BOY. THERE WAS A DAY WHEN ALL GREAT TRAINERS DREAMED OF USING POKÉ BALLS MADE BY OUR FAMILY!
THESE TRINKETS THEY MASS-PRODUCE IN FACTORIES ARE ONLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR BEGINNERS...
...AND TALENTLESS TRAINERS... LIKE YOU.
ZING
Let's go, girl.
HEY, YOU WANNA TALK SMACK?
YOU BETTER SEE WHAT I GOT FIRST.


HM.
YOU DO HAVE SPIRIT.
I'LL MASTER THAT POKÉ BALL OF YOURS IN NO TIME!
TRY ME!
AND IF YOU CAN'T MASTER IT?
THEN I'LL WORK AS YOUR ASSISTANT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
THOSE ARE BIG WORDS!
ALL RIGHT THEN. I'LL MAKE ONE JUST FOR YOU.
TUG
CHOOSE THE TYPE OF POKÉ BALL YOU WANT... AND BRING ME AN APRI-CORN.
WHAT?! I HAVE TO SUPPLY THE MATERIALS?!
BETTER GET IT BEFORE THE SUN SETS!
BRRR
BRRR

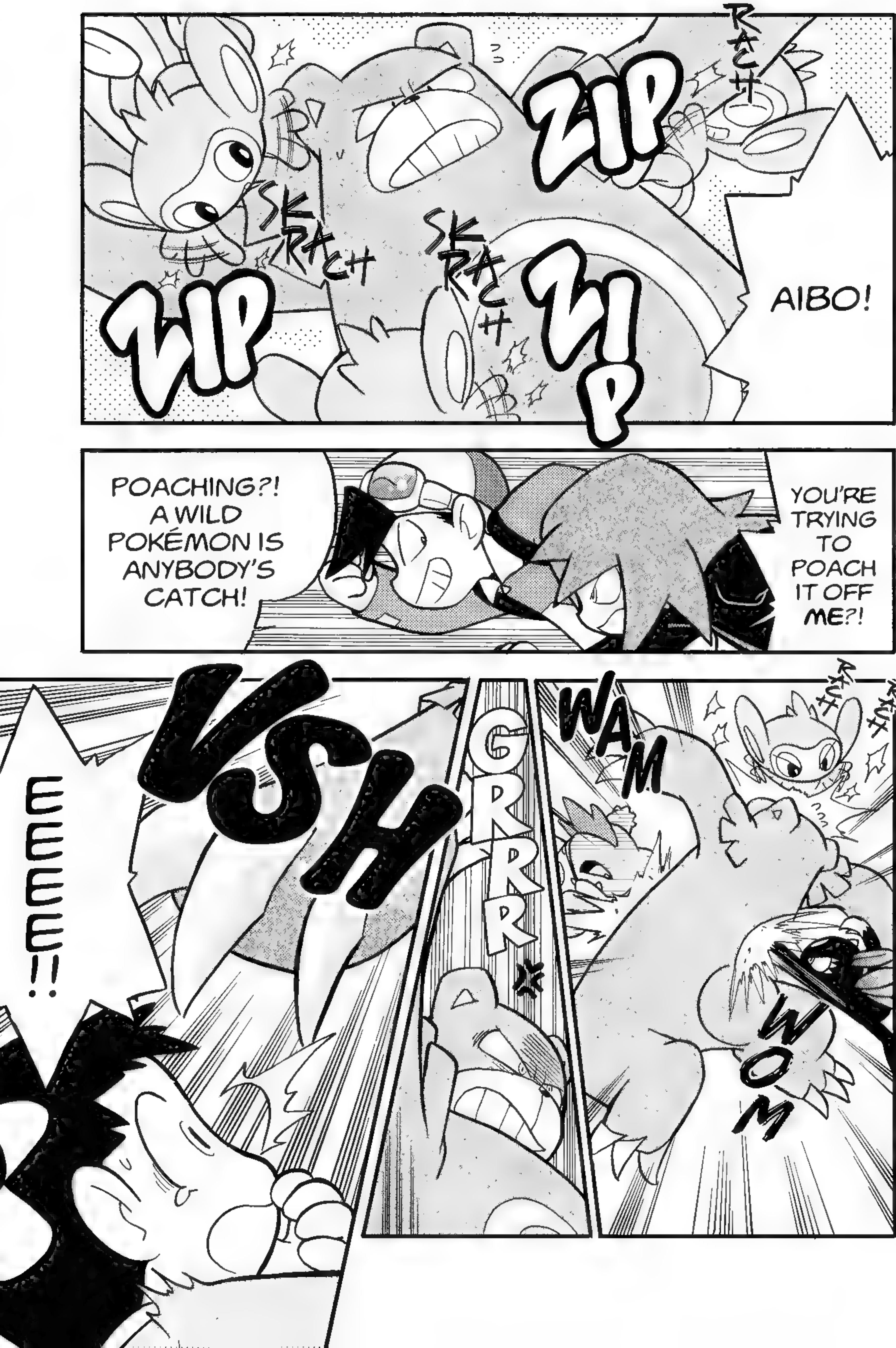

A FRIEND BALL...
ACTUALLY MADE OUT OF GREEN APRICORN ...
REALLY ?!
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO LIKE YOU IF YOU CATCH 'EM WITH THIS, RIGHT? I'M GONNA GIVE ONE TO YOU.
I GUESS THIS ISN'T A JOKE AFTER ALL.
WEIRD.
WHY'D YOU DECIDE ON A FRIEND BALL?
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT'S ALL GOOD. SO WHICH POKÉMON DO YOU WANT?
UM... IT LIVES UP THERE... BUT...
... GRAMPA SAID NOT TO GET CLOSE TO IT...
I'LL BE WITH YOU, SO YOU'RE FINE.
LET'S GO!
O...
OKAY!


TM TM
YOU DON'T LIKE DOING THINGS THE EASY WAY, DO YOU?
CLOSE! WE BETTER BE CAREFUL...
SLIP
OHH!
TNG
PAP
IT'D BETTER BE WORTH ALL THIS.
WELL, IT'S LITTLE... AND ROUND... AND CUTE!
PIP
Teddiursa
Bear Pokémon
Height ???
Weight ???
No.216
Area Cry PRNT
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS TEDDI-URSA.
EH?
BING
BE VERY QUIET.
OKAY. HERE GOES.
THERE IT IS! THAT'S TEDDI-URSA!
OH!!
TUP TUP TUP



YAAAA!
BMM
RUN!!
W... WHA...?
URSARING! TEDDI-URSA'S EVOLVED FORM!
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT THE EVOLVED FORM!!
TM
MOVE. YOU'RE BLOCKING MY CAPTURE.
!
ACK! TIME-OUT!! TIME-OUT!!
TMPTMPTMP

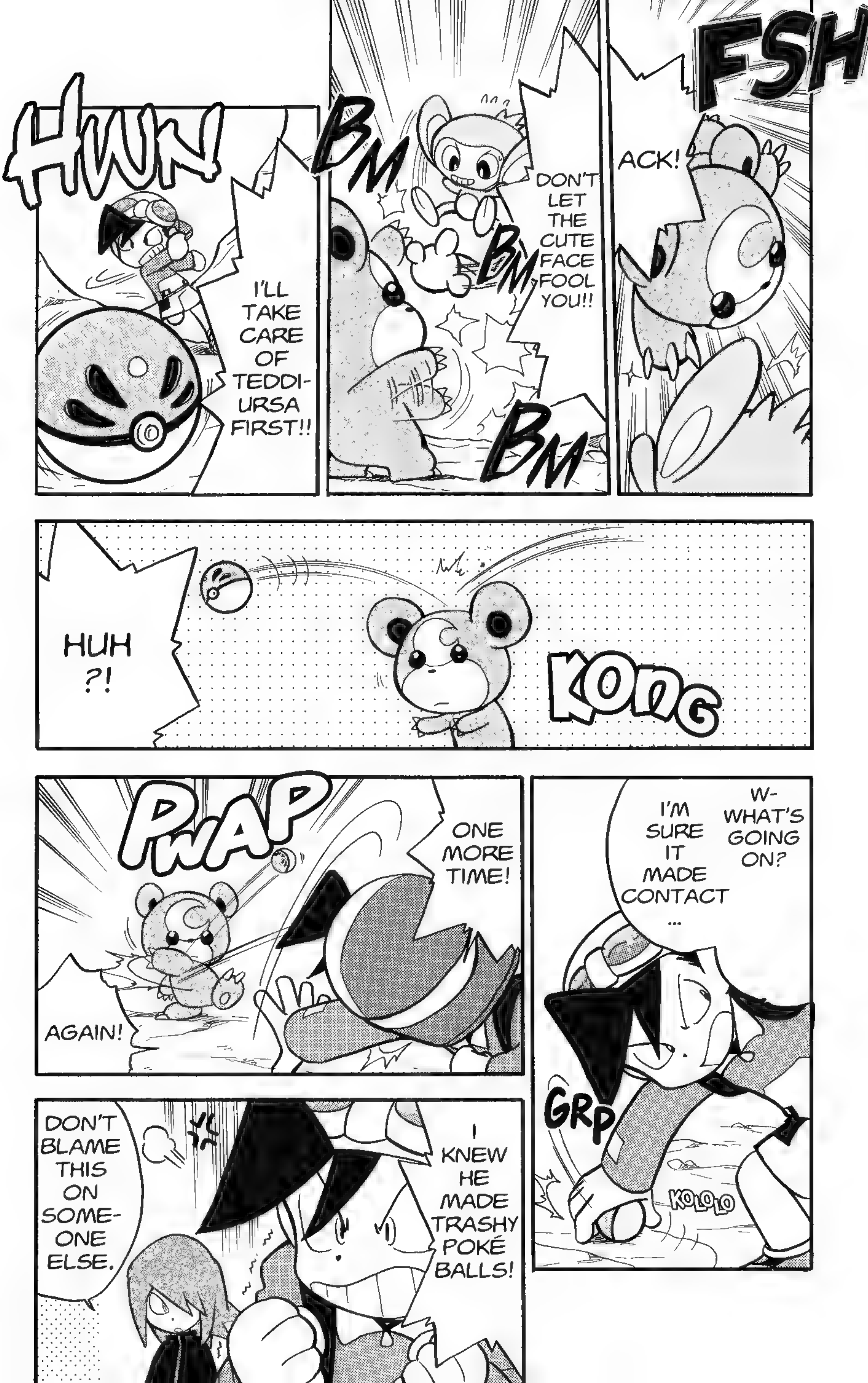

STEAL-ING AGAIN, EH?
NO! GRAMPA GAVE IT TO HIM 'CAUSE HE'S SO GOOD!
HEY!!
THAT'S GRAMPA'S POKÉ BALL!
SILVER !!
YOU AGAIN.
Y'MEAN... THE GUY WHO MADE FUN OF ME...
...GAVE THAT CHUMP A FREE POKÉ BALL?! WHAT A JOKE!
TWITCH
FOR-GET TEDDI-URSA!
I'M BRING-ING IN URSA-RING!!
...
HEH
THAT'LL TAKE REAL SKILL.
AND YOU'RE GONNA CATCH URSA-RING?
CHK
Ursaring
Hibernator Pokémon
No. 217
Height ???
Weight ???
Area Cry PRNT


RACH
ZIP
SKRACH
SKRACH
ZIP
ZIP
AIBO!
YOU'RE TRYING TO POACH IT OFF ME?!
POACHING?! A WILD POKÉMON IS ANYBODY'S CATCH!
VSH
EEEEEE!!
GRRR
WAM
RACH
RACH
WOM


BOOOM
WHOA.
QUICK FOR A BRUISER!
WILD ATTACKS...
AMA-TEUR-ISH AS ALWAYS.
WHAT—?!
TNG
WAGH!
!!


MY... ANKLE !!
I TWIST-ED IT...!
DOOMOOO
NGH...
UM... MISTER ...?
102
Ursaring Major
NO !!
LITTLE GIRL, RUN!
VSH
VSSH

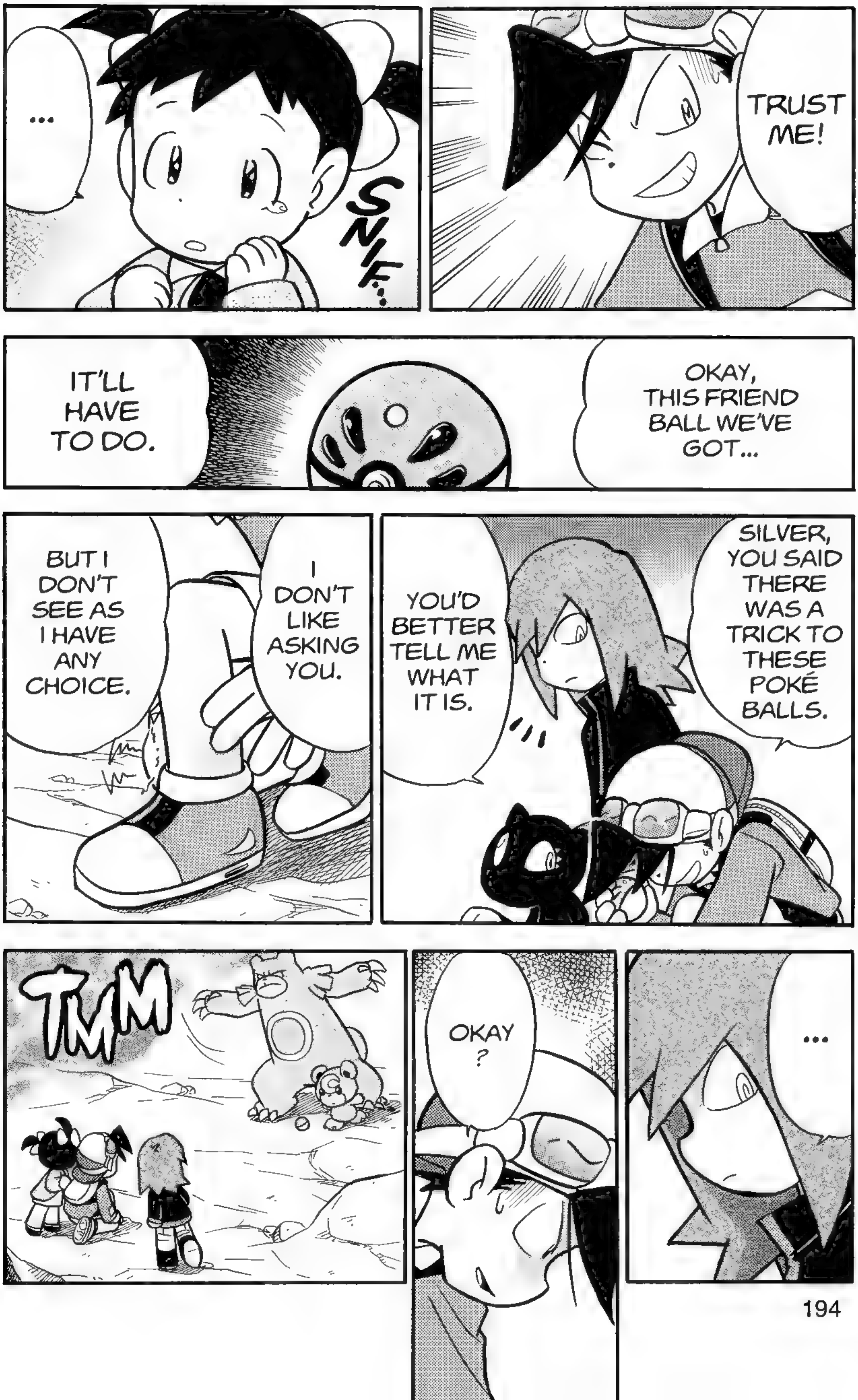

SHWANNG
!!
S... SNEASEL ?!
TINK
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU POACH.
YOU... YOU... YOU...
!!
HSSSH
DRIP...
MELT-ING IT WITH FIRE PUNCH, MM?
WAS HE...
...PRO-TECT-ING THE GIRL ...?


HWUN
I'LL TAKE CARE OF TEDDI-URSA FIRST!!
BM
BM
DON'T LET THE CUTE FACE FOOL YOU!!
BM
FSH
ACK!
HUH ?!
KONG
PWAP
ONE MORE TIME!
AGAIN!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M SURE IT MADE CONTACT ...
GRP
KOLOLO
I KNEW HE MADE TRASHY POKÉ BALLS!
DON'T BLAME THIS ON SOME-ONE ELSE.


CHK
THERE'S A TRICK TO USING A POKÉ BALL THIS SUBTLE.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YOUR INABILITY TO USE THIS POKÉ BALL SHOWS YOUR LACK OF SKILL.
ZHP
SORRY, BUT I'M TAKING URSARING.
KOLO...
?!
FP
BOMP
GRAAA
RUN !!
HSS
TH-TH-THAT WAS AN ACCI-DENT !!



NG!
GOLD ...?
THROB
CHK
N-NO! IT'S A CLIFF!
GR...
SNIF
EVERY-BODY'S GONNA DIE, AND IT'S, ALL MY FAULT!!
I'M SORRY, GRAM-PA!
...TOLD ME IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS IN THE MOUNTAINS ...
GRAM-PA...
I'LL CATCH TEDDI-URSA...
AND I'LL GET YOU HOME SAFELY.
PAT
EASY, KID. IT'S NOT TIME TO GIVE UP YET.


TRUST ME!
...
SNIF...
OKAY, THIS FRIEND BALL WE'VE GOT...
IT'LL HAVE TO DO.
SILVER, YOU SAID THERE WAS A TRICK TO THESE POKÉ BALLS.
YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHAT IT IS.
I DON'T LIKE ASKING YOU.
BUT I DON'T SEE AS I HAVE ANY CHOICE.
...
OKAY?
TMM

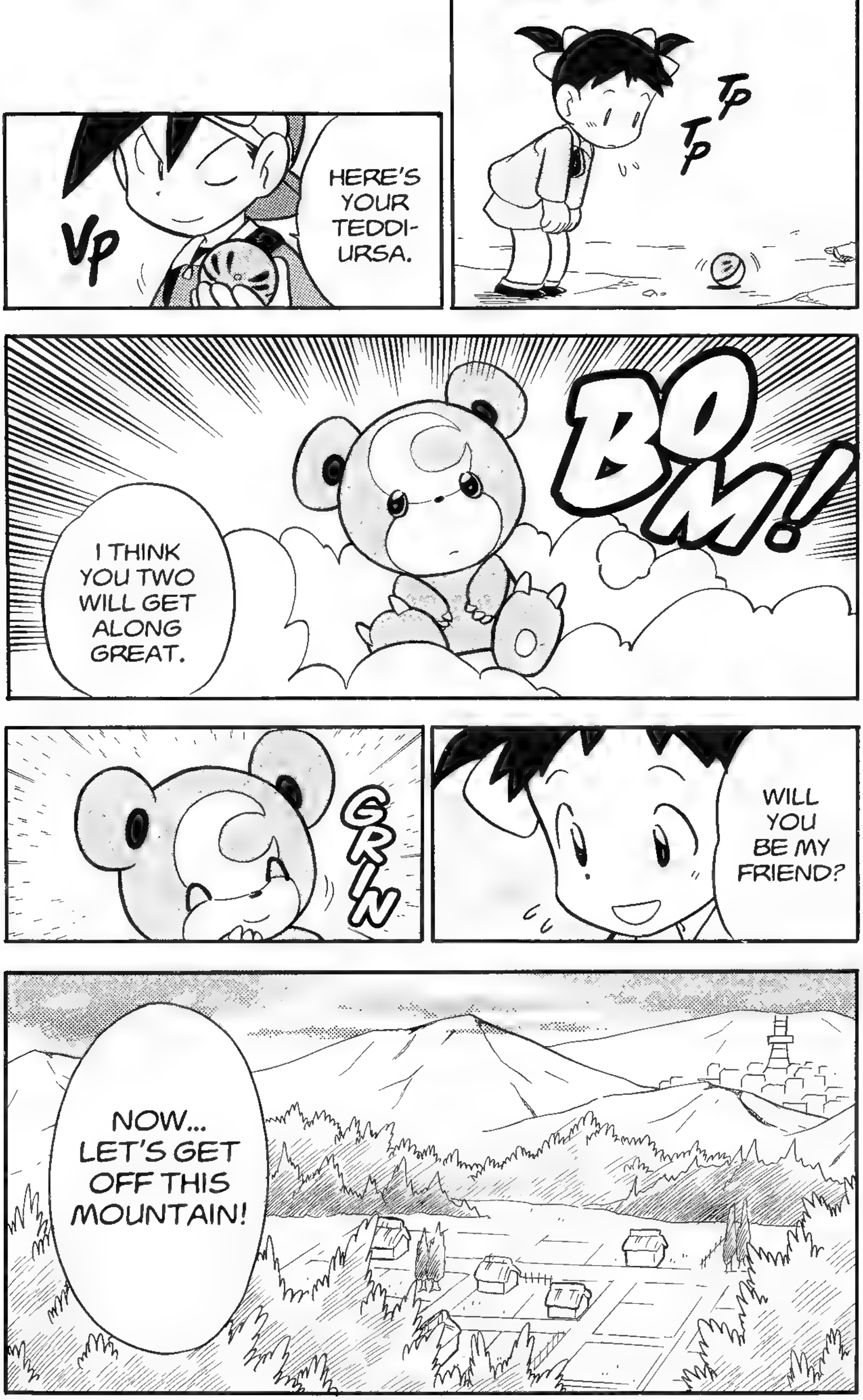


FINE. IT'S ALL ABOUT HITTING THE ENERGY POINT.
EVERY LIVING THING HAS A SPOT IN WHICH ITS LIFE FORCE IS CONCEN-TRATED. ONLY WHEN YOU HIT THAT SPOT ...
...WILL THESE POKÉ BALLS REVEAL THEIR TRUE POWERS!
AND THE ENERGY POINTS FOR THESE TWO ARE...
URSARING— THE CENTER OF ITS CHEST CIRCLE.
TEDDI-URSA— THE CRESCENT ON ITS HEAD.
OKAY!
CHK
PT
I'VE GOT THIS IN THE BAG.
I DON'T HAVE THE HEAVY BALL ANY-MORE.
WHICH ONE WILL YOU TARGET WITH THAT ONE?
HOW ABOUT... NEITHER ?



WATCH THIS!!
TK TK TK TK TK TK
TAK
PAK
NICE CATCH!
FP
FP
WHAT ?!
NOW LET'S GET 'EM!!


WHKK
BOTH OF THEM !!
BONBON
LISTEN, GOLD. THIS IS MY LAST WARN-ING.
STAY OUT OF MY WAY FROM NOW ON.
NOW, SILVER... I'D CALL US EVEN!
WSH
I JUST DON'T GET THAT GUY.
VSH
HEY ...!


TP
TP
HERE'S YOUR TEDDI-URSA.
VP
BOOM!
I THINK YOU TWO WILL GET ALONG GREAT.
WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
GRIN
NOW... LET'S GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN!


SLOW-POKE WELL
WELL, THAT WAS A GOOD CATCH.
THIS IS SOME BIG MONEY.
THERE'S A GOOD MARKET FOR SWEET SLOWPOKE TAILS.
?!
WHO ARE YOU?!
HEH


IT'S ALREADY DARK.
HOOTHOOT
GRAND-PA'S GONNA BE WORRIED! WE'VE GOTTA HURRY!
GTNK
WELL, WE GOT YOU HOME.
I BETTER RUN AND TELL HIM!
GRAM-PA!
GRAM-PA...?
GRAMPA'S NOT HERE?
AND NO WATER ...?
MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE WELL...?
PLIP...
TM
WHAT ...?


GRAMPA!!
TTT
!!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO STAY OFF THAT MOUNTAIN?!!
BAD GIRL!!!
I'M S... SORRY...
WELL...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR NEW POKÉMON, AREN'T YOU?
POKÉMON HAVE SCARY SIDES... BUT IF YOU TREAT THEM WELL, THEY'RE VERY LOYAL.


BUGSY!!
IT'S ME... BUGSY!
DID YOU PILE UP THE TEAM ROCKET THUGS?
NO. THEY WERE LIKE THAT WHEN I GOT HERE.
TMP
WHO'S THERE?!
DID YOU DO THIS, GOLD?
WASN'T ME!
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING REPORTS OF TEAM ROCKET SIGHTINGS IN THE AZALEA TOWN AREA...
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS!
THEN WHO...?

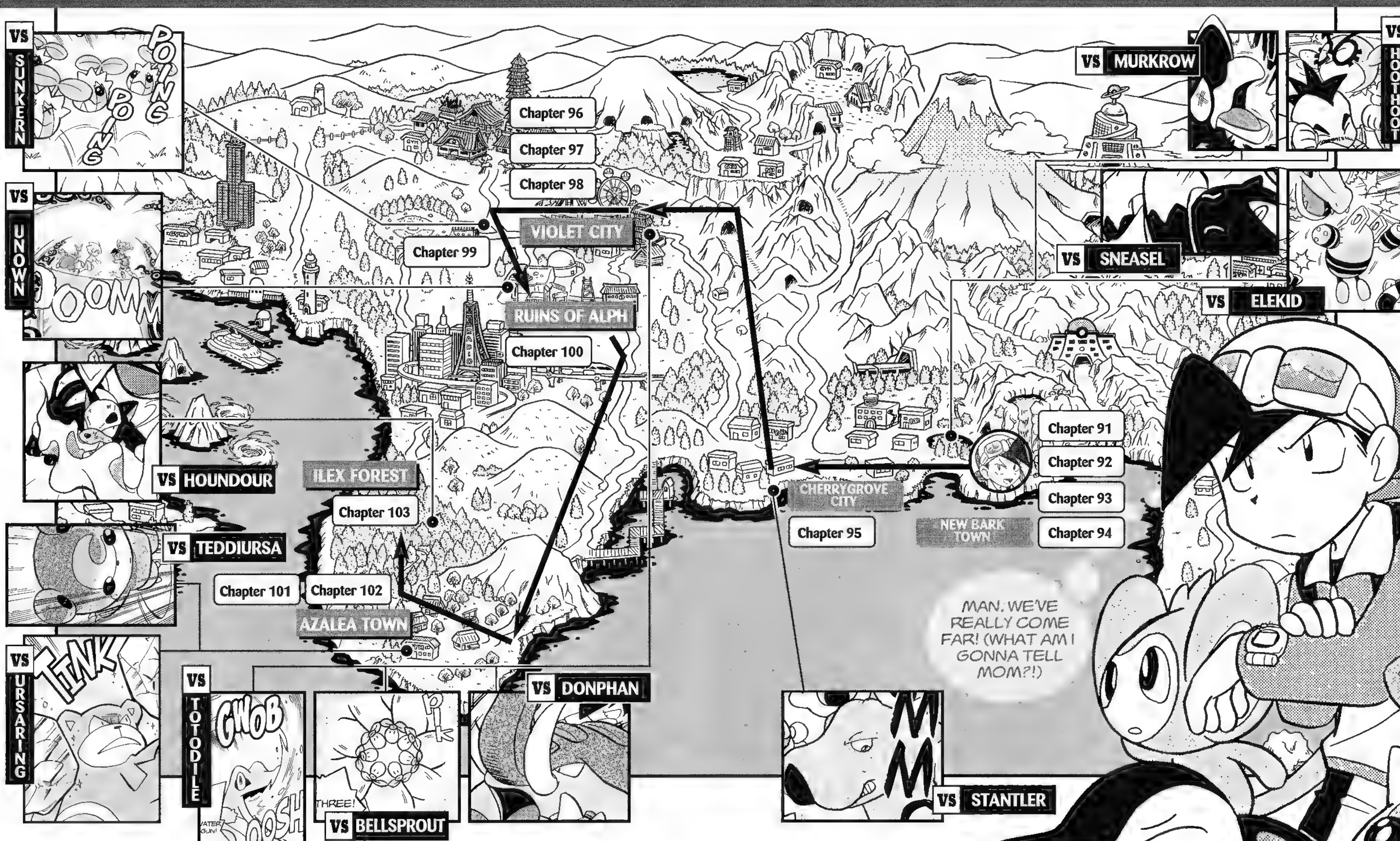

LET'S TEST IT OUT, AIBO!
WHAP!
"THE YAWN OF A SLOWPOKE WILL CALL FORTH WATER."
THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S A LEGEND AROUND THESE PARTS...
WRIIIN
POOR SLOWPOKE... GETTING THEIR TAILS CUT OFF.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WELL...
GOLD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TUG TUG
THE BEST WAY I KNOW...
...TO GET A SLOWPOKE TO YAWN...
YAAAAAAAW
AND IT USES YAWN TO HEAL!
HEH
...IS TO WEAR IT OUT IN BATTLE.
SPLOOSH


SO WAS IT SILVER WHO BEAT UP TEAM ROCKET?
...WAS AN URSA-RING CLAW MARK.
THAT...
IS THAT WHY HE WANTED THAT HEAVY BALL? TO STOP THIS TEAM ROCKET GROUP?
THAT WOULD MEAN HE KNEW THEIR MOVEMENTS BEFORE BUGSY.
HE'S DEFINITELY FOLLOWING SOME PLAN.
BUT WHAT IS IT?!
SUDDENLY I DON'T WANT TO CATCH HIM...
VSH
I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHO HE REALLY IS!


NEXT VOLUME!
WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO SUDDENLY APPEARS?! TO FIGHT HIM, GOLD AND SILVER MUST JOIN FORCES!! MEANWHILE, A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN KANTO! DON'T MISS IT!!
Ecruteak destroyed ?!
Mystery in the lake?!!
POKÉMON ADVENTURES 9 !
And what about the Kanto Trainers ?!
TOGETHER WE FALL
POKÉMON ADVENTURES VOLUME 9
AVAILABLE NOW!
Hidenori Kusaka
Mato

"GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL" ADVENTURE ROUTE MAP 8

Johto region—the arena in which Gold's battle with Silver plays out!



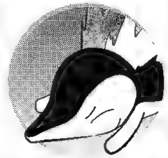
POKÉDEX SECRETS

GOLD TEAM



AIBO
TYPE 1 / NORMAL
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.190

LIKE FAMILY TO GOLD. AIBO HELPED OUT MANY TIMES WITH THAT TAIL THAT'S MORE DEXTROUS THAN HANDS!



EXBO
TYPE 1 / FIRE
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.155

ON "LOAN" FROM PROFESSOR ELM, USES THE FLAME ON ITS BACK AS A WEAPON!



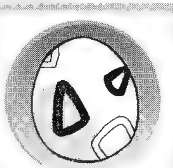
SUNBO
TYPE 1 / GRASS
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.191

EARNEST AND HONEST, A POKÉMON WHO'LL ALWAYS STAND UP FOR THOSE IN NEED!!



POLIBO
TYPE 1 / WATER
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.060

THRILLED TO BE BACK WITH GOLD AFTER BEING SWEPT AWAY BY THE RIVER. POLIBO'S FUTURE SHOULD BE EXCITING!!



EGG: ???
NO.???

A MYSTERIOUS EGG FOUND AT A POKÉMON BREEDER'S HOME. BUT WHAT WILL HATCH OUT OF IT...?!

POKÉDEX

No.	Pokémon
▶155	CYNDAQUIL
156	-------------
157	-------------
158	TOTODILE
159	CROCONAW
160	-------------
016	PIDGEY
017	PIDGEOTTO
018	PIDGEOT

MAIN CHARACTER:	GOLD
BADGES:	0
POKÉDEX:	6 POKÉMON

NUMBER SEEN
35

NUMBER CAUGHT
6

Uses Pokédex mainly during battle. Catch number has not increased.

Gold's Team

Although all his Pokémon are at low levels, they've kept going on brains and determination.



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



A year has passed since the battle against the Elite Four—and the adventures of Gold, Silver and Crystal are here at last!! Whenever I start a new storyline, I feel sharp and focused all over again—wait'll you see chapter 3, where I went back to my original concept for the series!

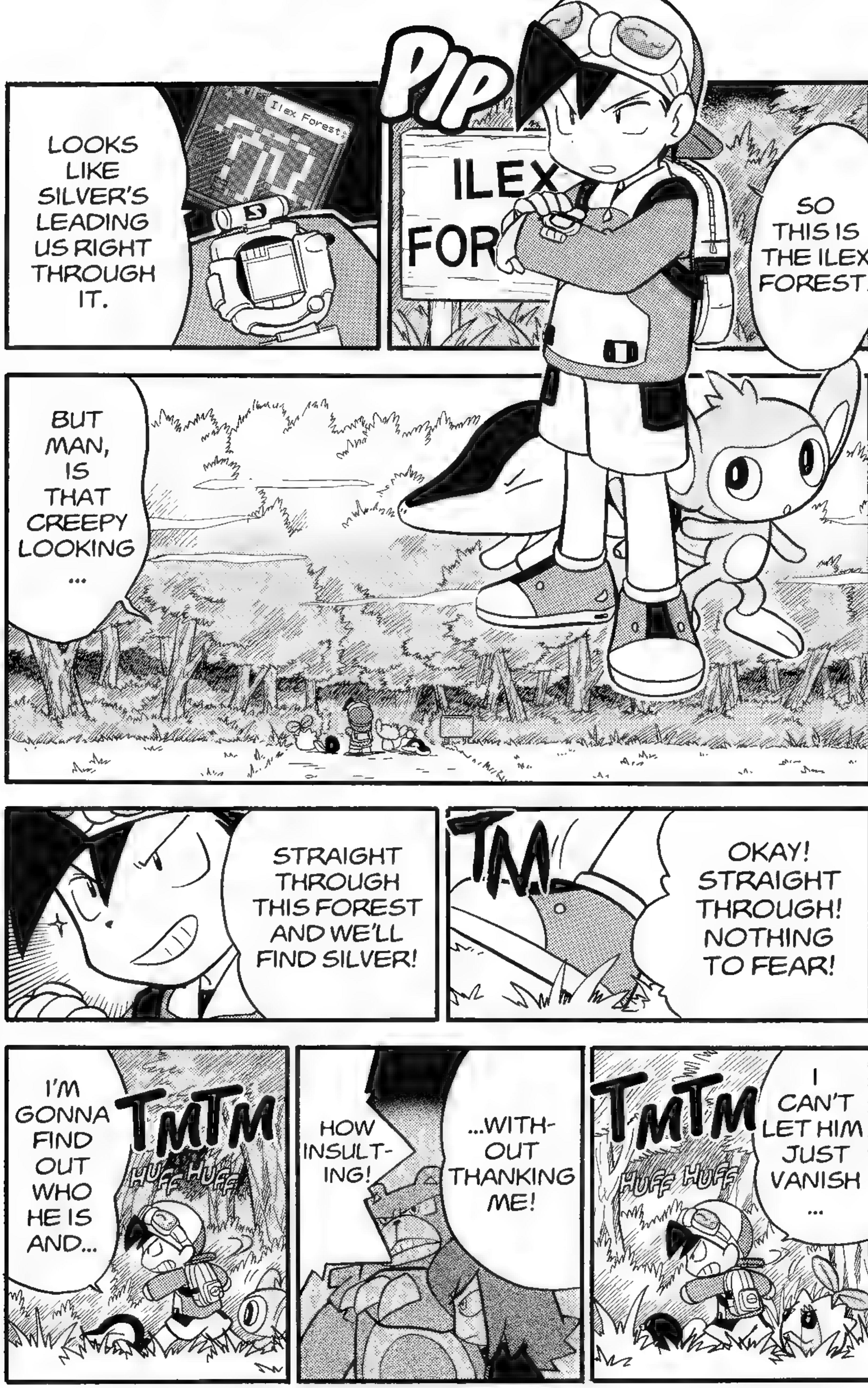
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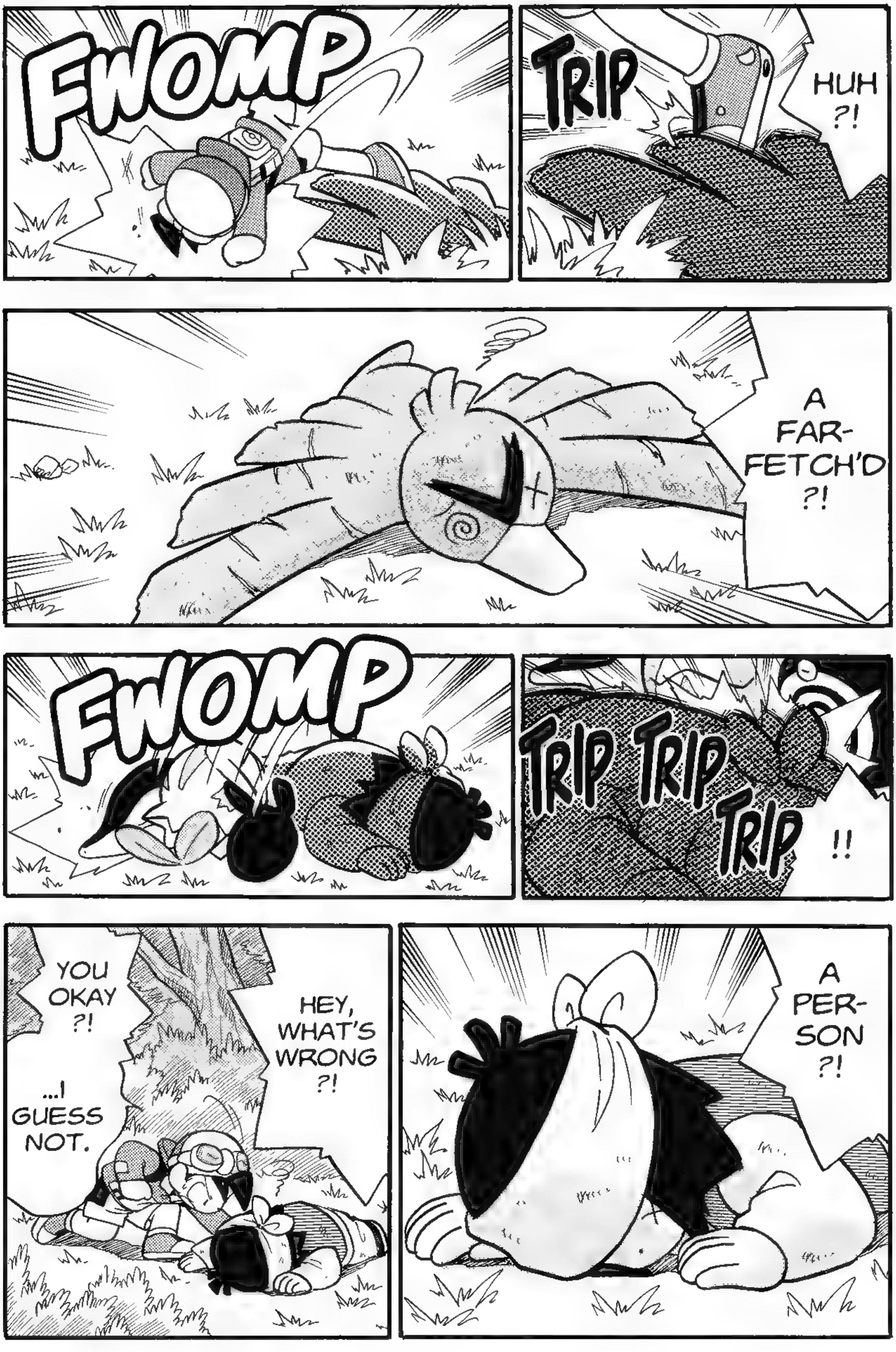
It's been too long, but I'm glad to be back! We'll have to say goodbye to Red, Green, Blue and Yellow for a while, but I'm looking forward to getting to know Gold (who's a bit of a clown) and Silver (who's kind of a punk) and all the other new characters!


SLICE!
CUT!
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE LOTS OF CHAR-COAL REAL SOON!
HEH HEH
GREAT JOB, FAR-FETCH'D!
WHDD
HEH
SSooo
THE MIST AGAIN...
IT COMES IN SO OFTEN THESE DAYS.
BETTER GET HOME BEFORE ...
W... WHAT? FAR-FETCH'D ?!
THE STUPID THING FLEW OFF AGAIN!
AND JUST WHEN I PRAISED IT!
C'MON, FAR-FETCH'D!


HSHH
SHHOOO
...
LEAVE... THIS... FOREST...
103
You Ain't Nothin' but a Houndour
WHAT... WAS THAT?
A VOICE... FROM THE FOREST ...?
LEAVE... THIS... FOREST ...
HSSH
EEEEE!
YAAA-AA!


PIP
Ilex Forest
ILEX FOR
LOOKS LIKE SILVER'S LEADING US RIGHT THROUGH IT.
SO THIS IS THE ILEX FOREST.
BUT MAN, IS THAT CREEPY LOOKING ...
STRAIGHT THROUGH THIS FOREST AND WE'LL FIND SILVER!
TM
OKAY! STRAIGHT THROUGH! NOTHING TO FEAR!
I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHO HE IS AND...
TMTM
HUFF HUFF
HOW INSULT-ING!
...WITH-OUT THANKING ME!
TMTM
HUFF HUFF
I CAN'T LET HIM JUST VANISH ...


NO... IT CAN'T MEAN...
SKRIK
...
HUH?
?
NO DATA
...
AHAHAHA
GONG
W-WHAT DO YOU KNOW? NO MAP!
STARE
HEHHEHHEH
GUESS WE BETTER JUST KEEP GOIN' STRAIGHT...
I'VE NEVER KNOWN THAT THING TO LOSE RECEPTION.
CAN'T HELP FEELING... THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS FOREST...


FWOMP
TRIP
HUH ?!
A FAR-FETCH'D ?!
FWOMP
TRIP TRIP TRIP
!!
YOU OKAY ?!
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG ?!
...I GUESS NOT.
A PER-SON ?!


WHAT A LOUSY TIME TO GET LOST!!
HOW DO WE GET OUTTA HERE?!!
GRATTA
THOSE WOUNDS ARE BOTHER-ING ME...
WHAT KIND OF BATTLE WAS IT IN?
THIS LEEK STALK IS ITS WEAPON...
...AND IT'S CRUSHED.
ITS OPPONENT MUST'VE HAD SHARP TEETH... OR A KNIFE.
GONNNG
?!
BRRR
...
H-HOW COME I JUST GOT...
...A REAL CREEPY FEEL-ING?


JUST... GET OUT OF THIS FOREST... QUICK.
GTNK
FOR-GET IT...
HE'S GET-TING... HEAVIER ?
RR RK
...
RNK...
JUST... GET...
FMP...
NO-BODY'S THIS HEAVY!!
FMP...
NO !!
WOBBLE...
NNN...
?!
VMP
WHAT ARE YOU?!


HOO
GASTLY ?!
GASTLY MADE THEM HEAVY ?!
BOP
WAP
HEY!
AIBO!
SH
VSH
WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM NOW!!
GET OUT!
VVM
FAST!
DMDM DM DM DM DM
HF
HF
HF


GREAT. NOW WE'RE EVEN...
... DEEPER IN THE FOREST!
HF
HF
ZZIP
I'M UP FOR ANY POKÉMON BATTLE...
BUT NOT IF THEY'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY GASTLY!
NOW WHAT?
?!
GASP
TPTP
POLIBO?!
WHEN DID WE GET SEP-ARATED?!
VUM
POLIBO! OVER HERE!!


NGH!
Whoa
GRAB
UP
UP
!!
UP
...
KRIIII
CHK
NEW-COMERS!
PIPI PIPI
ALL DIFFERENT TYPES. THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH.
Ice
Bug
Flying
Poison
Ghost
Dark
DELIBIRD, GASTLY, ARIADOS, HOUNDOUR...



VSH
YAAAA!
ROAR!!
PIP
HOUN-DOUR'S BITE, HUH?!
THEN HOW ABOUT ...
WOOSH
EXBO-SMOKE-SCREEN !!
WOK
OH NO! EXBO!
POLIBO! WATCH OUT!!
GASP
SHH
FMP


COME ON, SUNBO!
GROW ...!
HSH
WHAT ?!
WAK
SUNBO ?!
MY COMMANDS... AREN'T FAST ENOUGH ?!


HOOO
IT'S THE SAME, FOUR AGAINST FOUR...
BUT I'M SO MUCH SLOWER WITH MY COMMANDS.
DRIP
THIS IS MY FIRST GROUP BATTLE... I JUST HAVEN'T...
... GOTTEN INTO THE GROOVE.
SSS...
!
ANOTHER ONE?!
FFF
GOTTA HIT FIRST!! EXBO– EMBER!!
FWOOOO
SHP
FLAME-THROWER !!
!!


SSSS
!!
EXBO!
WDD
STAY... AWAY ...
WHAT ...?
...?
STAY AWAY... FROM THIS FOREST.